



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF  
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

2 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2014, ON PAGE 148]

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE RISE. WE'LL BEGIN  
7 OUR MEETING. FIRST ALL WE'LL BE LED IN THE INVOCATION BY  
8 FATHER JOSEPH BRENNAN FROM ST. ANDREW'S ABBEY, FOLLOWED BY THE  
9 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WHICH WILL BE LED BY COLONEL ARNOLD  
10 STRONG, UNITED STATES ARMY, MEMBER OF THE VETERANS' FILM AND  
11 TELEVISION ORGANIZATION. FATHER BRENNAN.

12  
13 **FATHER JOSEPH BRENNAN:** BLESSED ARE YOU, LORD GOD OF ALL  
14 CREATION WHOSE GOODNESS FILLS OUR HEARTS WITH JOY, BLESSED ARE  
15 YOU WHO BROUGHT US TOGETHER THIS DAY TO WORK IN HARMONY AND  
16 PEACE. STRENGTHEN US WITH YOUR GRACE AND WISDOM, FOR YOU ARE  
17 GOD FOREVER AND EVER, AMEN.

18  
19 **ARNOLD V. STRONG:** PLEASE REMAIN STANDING AND JOIN ME IN THE  
20 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND FACE THE FLAG. RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR  
21 HEART. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** COLONEL STRONG. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO  
24 PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO COLONEL ARNOLD STRONG  
25 WHO LIVES IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE

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1 ORGANIZATION VETERANS IN FILM AND TELEVISION AS WELL AS A  
2 MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, POST NUMBER 43. HE'S A COLONEL  
3 IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY WHERE HE SERVED SINCE 1983. HE  
4 SERVED IN IRAQ WITH THE FIRST CAVALRY. HE ATTENDED U.C.L.A.  
5 AND IS THE C.E.O. OF BRIGHT NEIGHBOR COMPANY. HE IS MARRIED  
6 WITH TWO CHILDREN AND HAS LIVED IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT FOR  
7 OVER TWO YEARS. I WANT TO THANK HIM FOR TAKING TIME TO LEAD US  
8 IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONCE AGAIN MR. CHAIRMAN, WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE  
11 FATHER JOSEPH BRENNAN WHO WAS A BENEDICTINE MONK AND AND PRIOR  
12 AT ST. ANDREWS ABBEY IN VALYERMO IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. HE  
13 LEADS A NUMBER OF RETREATS AND WORKSHOPS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.  
14 HE ALSO SERVES AS THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR AT THE HOUSE OF  
15 PRAYER FOR PRIESTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. PRIOR TO ENTERING  
16 THE MONASTERY AT ST. ANDREWS ABBEY IN THE FALL OF 1994 HE  
17 SERVED AS A PARISH PRIEST FOR THE LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE FOR  
18 OVER 20 YEARS. SO, FATHER, AND I ENCOURAGE EVERYBODY TO HAVE  
19 THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE ABBEY. IT'S OPEN AND THEY'RE  
20 THERE. IT'S A WONDERFUL RETREAT. I KNOW THEY'RE A VITAL PART  
21 OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, AND WE APPRECIATE THEIR SPIRITUAL  
22 LEADERSHIP AND THEIR GUIDANCE AND THEIR PRAYERS. SO, FATHER,  
23 THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN. [APPLAUSE.]

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WE WILL  
2    PROCEED WITH THE AGENDA.

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4    **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF  
5    THE BOARD WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, PRESENTATION  
6    AND SET MATTERS. ON ITEM S-2, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED  
7    AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS  
8    ITEM BE CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 18, 2014.

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10   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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12   **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING  
13   OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM NO. 1-D, ON THIS  
14   ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD  
15   THIS ITEM. ON PAGE 5, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL  
16   PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEMS 1-P THROUGH 4-P. ON ITEM  
17   NO. 1-P, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD  
18   THIS ITEM. AND ALSO ON ITEM NO. 3-P, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
19   MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. THE REMAINING ITEMS.

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21   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, THE CHAIR WILL MOVED  
22   IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, WITHOUT OBJECTION.  
23   SO ORDERED.

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1   **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 8 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
2   ITEMS 1 THROUGH 15, ON ITEM NO. 2, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND  
3   SUPERVISOR KNABE VOTE NO ON THIS ITEM. AND ALSO SUPERVISOR  
4   ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE  
5   HELD. ON ITEM NO. 3, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA,  
6   SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK  
7   TO HIS OFFICE. ON ITEM NO. 6, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS  
8   REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO SEPTEMBER  
9   30, 2014.

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11   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHICH ITEM IS THAT?

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13   **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** 6. ON ITEM NO. 7, AS INDICATED ON  
14   THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS  
15   THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO SEPTEMBER 23, 2014. ON  
16   THE ITEM NO. 8, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
17   TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 9, THIS INCLUDES THE REVISION  
18   AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND ALSO ON THIS  
19   ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD  
20   THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 10, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MEMBERS OF THE  
21   PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 12, THIS  
22   INCLUDES THE REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.  
23   ON ITEM NO. 13 AND ON ITEM NO. 15, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
24   MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS. THE REMAINING ITEMS  
25   UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
3 ANTONOVICH. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
4 ORDERED.

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6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 16, CONSENT CALENDAR,  
7 ITEMS 16 THROUGH 44. ON ITEM NO. 17, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM  
8 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 18,  
9 THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD  
10 THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 20, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS  
11 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 21, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH  
12 SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO  
13 SEPTEMBER 23, 2014.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

16

17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 22, THERE'S A REQUEST  
18 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 23,  
19 THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD  
20 THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 24, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF  
21 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 25, AS INDICATED ON  
22 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES  
23 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO SEPTEMBER 23,  
24 2014. ON ITEM NO. 28, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE  
25 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 29, AS INDICATED ON THE



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1 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT  
2 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2014. ON  
3 ITEM NO. 39, THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS  
4 ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO SEPTEMBER 23, 2014. ON ITEM NO.  
5 41, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS  
6 ITEM. AND ON ITEM NO. 44, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF  
7 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE  
8 CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.  
11 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
12 ORDERED.

13

14 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 34, SEPARATE MATTER ITEM  
15 NO. 45, I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. ACTING AS  
16 THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT REFUNDING  
17 AUTHORITY, ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALL NECESSARY  
18 ACTIONS RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS  
19 ANGELES REDEVELOPMENT/REFUNDING AUTHORITY TAX ALLOCATION  
20 REVENUE REFUNDING BOND SERIES 2014 C AND 2014 D IN AGGREGATE  
21 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$225 MILLION. ON THIS ITEM,  
22 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON  
23 PAGE 35, MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE  
24 POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS  
25 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ON ITEM NO. 46-A, THERE'S A

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1 REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM  
2 NO. 46-B, THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO  
3 HOLD THIS ITEM. ON PAGE 38, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION, ON ITEM  
4 NO. CS-1, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE ACTING  
5 COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS  
6 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2014. AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE  
7 AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH  
8 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 5.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I CAN ASK. I WANT TO HOLD  
11 46-A AND SPEAK TO IT.

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** IT'S BEING HELD BY MEMBERS OF THE  
14 PUBLIC.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S ALREADY BEING HELD. SUPERVISOR  
17 ANTONOVICH, YOU'RE UP.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL THIS IS KIND OF A SAD DAY BECAUSE A  
20 FIXTURE, AN ICON IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY NEWS IS RETIRING FROM  
21 HIS BROADCASTING ON KCBS AND KCAL, AFTER 36 YEARS IN BROADCAST  
22 JOURNALISM. AND KEN IS A CONSTITUENT, RESIDES IN PASADENA. HE  
23 BEGAN HIS CAREER AT THE "LONG BEACH PRESS-TELEGRAM" WHILE  
24 ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. HIS FIRST TV  
25 REPORTING JOB WAS IN SIOUX CITY, IOWA, FOLLOWED BY A THREE-

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1 YEAR STINT AS ANCHOR AND SPACE SHUTTLE REPORTER IN ORLANDO,  
2 FLORIDA. HE WAS ORIGINAL ANCHOR OF TODAY LA ON KNBC, WHICH  
3 DEBUTED IN 1986. AND HE WAS THE FIRST AND LONGEST- SERVING  
4 MORNING TV NEWS ANCHOR IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IN 2001, HE  
5 JOINED KCBS AND ANCHORED MORNING AND EVENING NEWSCASTS UNTIL  
6 NOVEMBER OF 2013 WHEN HE BECAME COANCHOR OF SISTER STATION  
7 KCAL'S TOP-RATED 8 P.M. AND 10 P.M. NEWSCASTS. FOR OVER 31  
8 YEARS HE'S BEEN A FIXTURE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY TELEVISION AND  
9 IS BELIEVED TO HAVE ANCHORED MORE HOURS OF NEWS ON LOCAL NEWS  
10 THAN ANYONE IN THE HISTORY OF THE MARKET. RECIPIENT OF EIGHT  
11 REGIONAL EMMY AWARDS, TWO L.A. PRESS CLUB AWARDS, A GOLDEN MIC  
12 AWARD, WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST AWARD FOR INVESTIGATIVE  
13 REPORTING, AND ALSO A PROCLAMATION FROM THE COUNTY OF LOS  
14 ANGELES THIS MORNING RECOGNIZING HIS LEADERSHIP IN THE FIELD  
15 OF JOURNALISM WITH INTEGRITY AND HONESTY, WHICH MANY TIMES IS  
16 LACKING TODAY, BUT NOT WITH KENT AND HIS ABILITY TO PRESENT  
17 THE NEWS FAIRLY. WITH HIM TODAY IS HIS WIFE KAREN, HIS FAMILY,  
18 FRIENDS, LISA AND RON, BILL AND JUDY, C.B.S. NEWS PRODUCER  
19 SCOTT DINER AND FELLOW NEWSCASTERS RICH FIELDS AND SUZIE SUH.  
20 SO WE WISH YOU SUCCESS AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.  
21 [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **KENT SHOCKNEK:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, OTHER SUPERVISORS, THANK  
24 YOU VERY MUCH. IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE HERE TODAY. I AM AWARE  
25 THAT ALL OF US IN OUR OWN WAYS ARE THE PUBLIC FACES OF TEAMS

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1 OF PEOPLE WHO WORK VERY HARD TO KEEP THE TRAIN ON THE TRACKS.  
2 IN MY PARTICULAR CASE, THAT INCLUDES A MAN WHO GETS  
3 EMBARRASSED WHEN I REFER TO HIM AS THE MOST RESPECTED NEWS  
4 DIRECTOR IN THE COUNTRY, SCOTT DEANER. AND OF COURSE MY  
5 COLLEAGUES ON THE AIR RECOGNIZED BY ALL, SUZIE, AND RICH  
6 FIELDS, MY BELOVED FRIENDS WHO PUT TOGETHER THE NO. 1 RATED 8  
7 AND 10 O'CLOCK KCAL 9, PRIMETIME NEWS. IT'S A GENUINE  
8 PLEASURE. I'M ALSO HAPPY TO HAVE BEHIND- THE-SCENES FRIENDS,  
9 FORMER NETWORK CORRESPONDENT AND ARTIST BILL LAGATUDA AND GOOD  
10 FAMILY FRIEND LISA DURDARIAN FROM THE PASADENA FIRE  
11 DEPARTMENT. FOR ALL OF THESE YEARS, I'VE ALWAYS APPRECIATED  
12 THE CIVILITY WITH WHICH THIS BODY ADDRESSES THE CHALLENGES  
13 THAT FACE THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE TO  
14 BE ABLE TO REPORT ON YOUR OFFICIAL DUTIES AND I THANK YOU FOR  
15 YOUR TIME. NOW, MY WIFE, A THIRD GENERATION LOS ANGELES  
16 COUNTY-IAN FROM DOWNEY, KAREN AND I HOPE TO EXPLORE EVERY  
17 CORNER WE HAVEN'T YET SEEN OF THE COUNTY THAT HAS BEEN SO GOOD  
18 TO US. AND WE THANK YOU ALL VERY, VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW'S THAT TIME WHERE WE WILL RECOGNIZE SOME  
21 OF OUR GREAT YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND  
22 FAMILY SERVICES WHO HAVE DONE A LITTLE EXTRA WITH THEIR  
23 ACADEMIC ABILITIES AND SKILLS. AND THROUGH THE ENRICHMENT PLUS  
24 PROGRAM WHICH I WAS VERY PLEASED TO INITIATE MANY, MANY, MANY  
25 YEARS AGO. AND THESE YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE DONE A LITTLE MORE THAN

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1 EXTRA IN ACHIEVING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE. AND THESE ARE OUR  
2 FUTURE LEADERS OF TOMORROW. AND THEY'RE DOING THAT BY  
3 PREPARING THEMSELVES BY DOING WELL IN SCHOOL. FIRST WE'RE  
4 GOING TO RECOGNIZE FOR BEST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, NICOLE SAR.  
5 WE ALSO HAVE A \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM BARNES & NOBLE.  
6 ILIANA PAUL FOR BEST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT. [APPLAUSE.] BRIANNA  
7 NICOLE HOGAN YOUNG, BEST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT. [APPLAUSE.]  
8 JASMINE CORNELIUS, MOST IMPROVED ACADEMIC ACHIEVER. VERY GOOD.  
9 FLORA LAZAMA, MOST IMPROVED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT. [APPLAUSE.]  
10 AND MICHAEL SANCHEZ, MOST IMPROVED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT.  
11 [APPLAUSE.] AND THESE \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATES ARE PRESENTED BY  
12 THE CAUSE, RIGHT? OKAY, YOU CAN MENTION ABOUT WHAT THEY DO.  
13

14 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE BOARD AND  
15 THE SUPERVISOR FOR RECOGNIZING THESE AMAZING INDIVIDUALS WHO  
16 ARE JUST SOME OF THE AMAZING INDIVIDUALS WE HAVE IN THE FOSTER  
17 CARE PROGRAM IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF  
18 PARENTS OR FOSTER PARENTS OR CAREGIVERS WHO ARE UP FRONT HERE  
19 TAKING PICTURES. WE ALSO HAVE SOME, I THINK, IN THE AUDIENCE.  
20 IF THEY WOULD JUST RAISE THEIR HAND, I WOULD APPRECIATE THAT.  
21 WE'VE GOT A COUPLE OVER HERE ON THE SIDE. I DO THINK IT TAKES  
22 A VILLAGE TO RAISE ANY CHILD. AND SO WHAT I'D LIKE TO SAY IS  
23 THANK YOU TO THESE INDIVIDUALS BEHIND ME WHO HAVE DONE SO  
24 WELL. ALL ARE SENIORS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE. ALL THE  
25 SENIORS SEEM TO SAY THEY'RE GOING TO COLLEGE, WHICH IS SO

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1 CRITICAL THESE DAYS. AND I WANT TO THANK THE CAREGIVERS AND  
2 THE FOSTER PARENTS AND OUR SOCIAL WORKERS FOR EVERYTHING THEY  
3 DO FOR THESE CHILDREN EVERY DAY. SO LET'S GIVE THEM ANOTHER  
4 ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TODAY WE WILL ALSO WELCOME THE MEMBERS OF THE  
7 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SENIOR CENTER TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL ADULT  
8 DAY SERVICES WEEK RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS  
9 NATIONAL SENIOR CENTER MONTH. THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SENIOR  
10 CENTER MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER DEDICATED TO ENHANCING SENIOR  
11 INDEPENDENCE, QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH EDUCATION AND LIFE  
12 SKILLS. AND EACH YEAR THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SENIOR CENTER  
13 SERVES THE NEEDS OF OVER 35,000 SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE VALLEY.  
14 AND WITH US TODAY IS THEIR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LINDA ALEXANDER  
15 LIBAUM, DIRECTOR OF SUPPORT SERVICES AND SUZANNE NELSON,  
16 DIRECTOR OF FOOD SERVICES, JOANNA VAN LAGUA, DIRECTOR OF ADULT  
17 DAYCARE, STEPHANIE GAREDNIAS AND DIRECTOR OF RECREATION  
18 COORDINATOR ROBIN CLOUD. AND WE'RE WORKING ON BUILDING A BRAND  
19 NEW SENIOR CENTER. AND THAT'S IN THE PLANNING STAGES NOW. WE  
20 LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING THAT IN A FEW SHORT YEARS TO CONTINUE  
21 THE GREAT SERVICE SERVING THE WONDERFUL SANTA CLARITA VALLEY.  
22 SO LET ME ASK YOU TO SAY A FEW WORDS. THIS IS THE YOUTH  
23 CONTINGENT FROM THE SENIOR CENTER.

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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WE'RE VERY EXCITED  
2 TO BE CELEBRATING NATIONAL SENIOR CENTER MONTH AS WELL AS  
3 NATIONAL ADULT DAY SERVICES WEEK. AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD  
4 TO ALL THE NEW CHANGES THAT WE'LL BE HAVING TO OFFER THE  
5 SENIORS IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, AND WE APPRECIATE THE  
6 SUPPORT FROM SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S OFFICE ON THIS. THANKS SO  
7 MUCH.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE 10 MONTH OLD MALTESE  
10 POODLE MIX NAMED SHAGGY, A LITTLE BOY. AND YOU CAN ADOPT HIM  
11 AT 562-728-4610. LITTLE SHAGGY'S COMING OUT NOW. THEY HAVE TO  
12 POWDER HIS NOSE. WOW, THIS IS 10 MONTH OLD MALTESE POODLE MIX.  
13 I DON'T KNOW IF A GREAT DANE GOT IN THERE, TOO. BUT THIS IS A  
14 BIG POODLE MIX. OKAY. THIS ONE WAS ON STEROIDS, I THINK. SO,  
15 ANYWAY, ANYBODY LIKE TO ADOPT HIM? LITTLE SHAGGY? 562-728-  
16 4610. LOOK AT THE CAMERA. DON'T BE CAMERA SHY.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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20 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS, I WANT TO BRING UP --  
21 WE'RE SAYING FAREWELL AND CONGRATULATING ONE OF MY BELOVED  
22 EMPLOYEES, MARTY MARTINEZ.

23

24 **MARTY JIMENEZ:** JIMENEZ. SUP. MOLINA: JIMENEZ! MARTY MARTINEZ  
25 IS SOMEBODY ELSE. [LAUGHTER.] MARTY MARTINEZ, I TRIED TO

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1 REMEMBER WHY DID I COME UP WITH THAT ONE? ANYWAY, TODAY WE HAD  
2 BREAKFAST THIS MORNING AND HAD, AS USUAL, A VERY DELIGHTFUL  
3 TIME. MARTY IS CONCLUDING HER COUNTY SERVICE AND SHE IS SOON  
4 GOING TO BE JOINING THE CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT AS ITS EXECUTIVE  
5 VICE PRESIDENT AND COUNSEL. IT WAS A HARD, SOUGHT-FOR  
6 POSITION. THERE WERE OVER 80 PEOPLE WHO APPLIED AND IN THE END  
7 THEY FELT, LIKE I DO, MARTY WAS BY FAR THE SUPERIOR CANDIDATE.  
8 SO SHE WILL BE STARTING THAT JOB VERY SOON. AND WE REGRET THAT  
9 WE'RE GOING TO BE LOSING HER. BUT LET ME SHARE A LITTLE BIT  
10 ABOUT MARTY. SHE'S SO VERY SPECIAL TO ALL OF US. AND I THINK  
11 ALL OF YOU WHO WORKED WITH HER KNOW HOW VERY SPECIAL SHE IS.  
12 IN 2006, MARTY JOINED MY STAFF AS A SENIOR HEALTH DEPUTY AT  
13 THAT TIME. SHE LATER SERVED AS MY LEGAL AND HEALTH PROGRAMS  
14 DIRECTOR. AND SHE CONCLUDED HER CAREER JUST TODAY AS MY SENIOR  
15 COUNSEL. AS AN ESSENTIAL MEMBER OF THE TEAM, MARTY BROUGHT  
16 WITH HER TWO DECADES OF EXPERIENCE WITH NONPROFITS,  
17 PHILANTHROPY AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS. SHE ALSO HAS  
18 IMPECCABLE CREDENTIALS. SHE IS A NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY  
19 GRADUATE AND SHE RECEIVED HER LAW DEGREE FROM BOALT HALL OF  
20 LAW AT U.C. BERKELEY. AS MY SENIOR COUNSEL, MARTY WAS  
21 RESPONSIBLE FOR LEGAL STRATEGY, RISK-MANAGEMENT POLICY  
22 DEVELOPMENT. AND SHE NEVER FAILED TO PROVIDE VERY THOUGHTFUL  
23 RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO HOW TO PROCEED AND MOVE FORWARD. OVER  
24 THE YEARS, MARTY AND I HAVE WORKED TO STRENGTHEN OUR COUNTY  
25 SYSTEMS AND STRUCTURES TO ENCOURAGE COUNTY MANAGERS AND

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1 EMPLOYEES TO SERVE WITH THE KIND OF PROFESSIONALISM,  
2 TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN SERVING THE PUBLIC IN THE  
3 WORK THAT WE DO. OF COURSE MARTY'S ACHIEVEMENTS ARE TOO  
4 NUMEROUS TO NAME HERE, BUT MANY OF YOU WHO HAVE WORKED WITH  
5 HER GENUINELY CAN ADMIRE HER TALENT, AS I DO. CERTAINLY HER  
6 TENACITY AND OF COURSE HER REMARKABLE WORK ETHIC. WE JOKE  
7 AROUND QUITE OFTEN AND WE CALL HER MARTY POPPINS. THIS GIRL'S  
8 GOT TOO MUCH SUNSHINE. BUT SHE'S A DELIGHT TO WORK WITH. SHE  
9 IS VERY TALENTED, VERY CAPABLE. AND, OF COURSE, MANY OF MY  
10 EMPLOYEES ARE GOING TO BE GOING OFF INTO DIFFERENT ROLES AND  
11 POSITIONS. AND MARTY'S GOING TO TAKE A LITTLE TIME OFF AND  
12 THEN SHE'S GOING TO BE ENJOYING HER JOB AND HER CAREER PATH  
13 WITH THE ENDOWMENT. WE WISH HER THE VERY, VERY BEST. WE  
14 CONGRATULATE HER AND WE'RE CERTAINLY GOING TO MISS HER. BUT  
15 SHE'S STILL GOING TO BE AROUND DOING THINGS FROM TIME TO TIME.  
16 CONGRATULATIONS, MARTY. NOT MARTINEZ, JIMENEZ. [APPLAUSE.]  
17 THAT'S MY STAFF CHEERING FOR HER. COME ON, MARTY, SAY A FEW  
18 WORDS.

19

20 **MARTY JIMENEZ:** THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR. AND THANK  
21 YOU ALL, FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES, FOR THIS INCREDIBLE HONOR AND  
22 THIS INCREDIBLE RECOGNITION. YOU KNOW, MOTHER THERESA'S VERY  
23 FOND OF SAYING "YOU CAN DO NO GREAT THINGS, ONLY LITTLE THINGS  
24 WITH GREAT LOVE." IF I HAVE DONE ANY LITTLE THING, IT'S  
25 BECAUSE OF THIS WOMAN STANDING RIGHT HERE NEXT TO ME AND

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1 BECAUSE OF THE AMAZING FAMILY OF MOLENISTAS THAT I HAVE AT MY  
2 BACK WHO HAVE REALLY MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO DO THIS. AND,  
3 SUPERVISORS, EACH OF YOU, ANTONOVICH, KNABE, MARK RIDLEY-  
4 THOMAS, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR  
5 YOUR INCREDIBLE SUPPORT. IT HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE TO SEE YOU  
6 GRAPPLE WITH ISSUES. I'VE LEARNED SO MUCH, OBSERVED SO MUCH.  
7 AND WORKING WITH YOUR INCREDIBLE STAFF HAS JUST BEEN A TRUE  
8 HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE I MUST SAY. AND OF COURSE, MY COLLEAGUES  
9 AND COUNTY COUNSEL, C.E.O.'S OFFICE, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND  
10 ALL THE DEPARTMENTS, I'VE TRULY BEEN PRIVILEGED TO WORK WITH.  
11 I KNOW COUNTY COUNSEL IS SAYING HOW IN THE WORLD CAN I MISS  
12 YOU IF YOU WON'T GO? BUT HONEST TO GOD, I WILL. BUT I WILL  
13 ALWAYS BE HERE. AND I WILL ALWAYS CARRY YOU IN MY HEART. AND  
14 LASTLY, OF COURSE, I WANT TO THANK MY BEAUTIFUL SPOUSE LISA  
15 WHO UNFORTUNATELY COULD NOT BE HERE. BUT IS WATCHING. AND MY  
16 FAMILY IN TEXAS, AND HERE. I WANT TO THANK THEM FOR SUPPORTING  
17 ME THROUGH ALL THE LATE NIGHTS AND LONG WEEKENDS AND ALL THE  
18 WORK THAT ALL MY COLLEAGUES HERE KNOW AND I KNOW THEY HATE ME  
19 BECAUSE I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT TODAY. BUT I AM TRULY, TRULY  
20 GRATEFUL FOR EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU. AND JUST ONE POINT, IF  
21 I MAY SO ASK FOR YOUR INDULGENCE. YOU KNOW, EACH WEEK  
22 SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND THE INCREDIBLE SUPERVISORS HERE  
23 RECOGNIZE THE WORK OF OUR COUNTY STAFF IN TERMS OF INNOVATION,  
24 IN TERMS OF THE CREATIVITY AND IN TERMS OF CONTRIBUTIONS, BUT  
25 I WOULD NOW LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE

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1 SUPERVISOR. IT IS JUST AN INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE TO WORK FOR AN  
2 ICON, TO WORK FOR SOMEONE WHO WHEN I WAS IN LAW SCHOOL CAME TO  
3 US, VISITED US AT BOALT. AND I THINK THERE WERE FIVE LATINAS  
4 IN BOALT, I SWEAR I DON'T THINK THERE WERE VERY MANY OF US,  
5 AND TOLD US WE CAN DREAM BIG AND WE CAN BE EVERYTHING THAT WE  
6 DREAM. AND HERE I AM TODAY. SO I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU  
7 PERSONALLY. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE  
8 STAFF, WHO GET A LOT OF BLUE FOLDERS, BY THE WAY, TO GO DEEPER  
9 AND FURTHER. ONE OF THEM HAS BEEN CORRECTIVE ACTIONS. AND THIS  
10 SUPERVISOR HAS TRULY TRANSFORMED CORRECTIVE ACTIONS IN THE  
11 COUNTY. SO EVEN THOUGH IT DOESN'T REALLY COUNT, I'D LIKE TO  
12 OFFER YOU, IN RECOGNITION OF 23 YEARS OF ACCOUNTABILITY, GOOD  
13 GOVERNANCE AND NO WATER CARRYING, THIS CERTIFICATE,  
14 MEMORIALIZES THE COUNTY'S BEST PRACTICES, CORRECTIVE ACTION  
15 CONTINUUM ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE STAFF OF MOLINISTAS.  
16 [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. SHE'S LOVELY, ISN'T SHE?

19

20 **MARTY JIMENEZ:** THANK YOU SO MU, SUPERVISORS. I APPRECIATE IT.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, LET ME JUST COMMENT THAT  
23 MARTY'S BEEN A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH. BOTH MY STAFF AND I HAVE  
24 BEEN VERY IMPRESSED AND APPRECIATED HER ABILITY TO WORK  
25 TOGETHER, TO WORK OUT THE VARIOUS ISSUES, REACHING CONSENSUS,

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1 AND YOUR DEDICATION. THANK YOU. YOU WILL BE MISSED HERE DURING  
2 OUR LAST 2-1/2 YEARS THAT WE'RE HERE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ABSOLUTELY. I CONCUR WITH THAT. IT'S  
5 BEEN A PLEASURE AND HONOR.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF I COULD JUST ADD A WORD OF THANKS TO  
8 MARTY AND I THINK I SPEAK ON BEHALF OF MY STAFF WHO WORK WITH  
9 YOU. YOU'RE INCREDIBLY PLEASANT TO WORK WITH, BUT YOU'RE ALSO  
10 BRIGHT AND THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX AND HAVE BROUGHT TRUE VALUE  
11 NOT ONLY TO YOUR BOSS BUT TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
12 ORGANIZATION AND TO THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY. AND WISH YOU  
13 WELL IN YOUR VERY GOOD AND RESPONSIBLE JOB THAT YOU'RE ABOUT  
14 TO UNDERTAKE. BUT WE'RE GOING TO MISS YOU.

15

16 **MARTY JIMENEZ:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** FINALLY OF RESPECT AND ADMIRATION, MARTY.

19

20 **MARTY JIMENEZ:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN AND  
25 COLLEAGUES. WE'RE PLEASED TO PROCLAIM VOTER REGISTRATION DAY



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1 HERE TODAY WE ACKNOWLEDGE THOSE WHO PUSH FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT  
2 AND THE EXPANSION OF THE BOUNDARIES OF DEMOCRACY, BEND THE  
3 ARC, COMMON CAUSE, LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, KOREAN AMERICAN  
4 COALITION, AS WELL AS U.S.C. GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE,  
5 WON'T YOU, PLEASE? THEY ARE HERE AND WE THANK THEM.  
6 [APPLAUSE.] LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, VOTING IS A SIMPLE YET  
7 POWERFUL ACT. LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED 1.2  
8 MILLION ELIGIBLE VOTERS THAT HAVE NOT YET REGISTERED TO VOTE.  
9 THEY ARE VOTING AGE CITIZENS. THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER, COUNTY  
10 CLERK, THE LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND THESE  
11 ORGANIZATIONS HERE TODAY ARE DEDICATED TO ENRICHING THE LIVES  
12 OF OUR CITIZENRY HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WE MUST  
13 MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST CITIZENS TO REGISTER  
14 AND VOTE, TO CLOSE THE REGISTRATION GAP. MR. CHAIRMAN, IN  
15 2008, 6 MILLION AMERICANS DID NOT VOTE BECAUSE THEY MISSED A  
16 REGISTRATION DEADLINE OR DID NOT KNOW HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE.  
17 THE NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT WAS PASSED IN 1993 TO  
18 INCREASE THE POLITICAL PARTICIPATION OF HISTORICALLY  
19 UNDERREPRESENTED POPULATIONS. SECTION 7 REQUIRES THAT PUBLIC  
20 OFFICES PROVIDE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE WITH VOTER REGISTRATION.  
21 TODAY WE ARE ASKING THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER COUNTY CLERK TO  
22 ENSURE THAT EVERY CITIZEN WILL BE ASSISTED WITH THE  
23 OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER AND VOTE. THE NATIONAL REGISTRATION  
24 DAY IS CELEBRATED ON SEPTEMBER 23 THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES  
25 OF AMERICA, THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTRY THERE WILL BE VOLUNTEERS

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1 PARTICIPATING AT LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITIES HELPING  
2 TENS OF THOUSANDS TO REGISTER TO VOTE. IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY,  
3 THERE WILL BE ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING  
4 CAMPUSES OF CAL STATE L.A. AND THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN  
5 CALIFORNIA AND MANY, MANY MORE. SO ONCE AGAIN, I WANT TO  
6 COMMEND THE RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE HERE OF LIFTING  
7 ON THE BEHALF OF DEMOCRATIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYONE, SMALL  
8 D, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMMENDS  
9 THESE ORGANIZATIONS FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO PROVIDE REGISTRATION  
10 INFORMATION TO OUR RESPECTIVE CONSTITUENCIES. YOU MAY REGISTER  
11 TO VOTE TODAY IF YOU WISH AT WWW.LAVOTE.NET. I'M GLAD THAT WE  
12 HAVE ONE WHO THE ENTIRE BOARD RECOGNIZES TO BE AN EXEMPLARY  
13 PUBLIC SERVANT IN THE FORM OF OUR REGISTRAR- RECORDER/COUNTY  
14 CLERK. HE IS NONE OTHER THAN DEAN LOGAN AND WE ASK DEAN TO  
15 COME FORWARD AND GIVE REMARKS AT THIS POINT. DEAN?

16

17 **DEAN LOGAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF THE  
18 BOARD. FOR THE NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY NEXT TUESDAY,  
19 SEPTEMBER 23RD. AS WAS MENTIONED IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION IN  
20 CALIFORNIA, WE HAD 20 MILLION ELIGIBLE VOTERS WHO DID NOT  
21 PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTION. IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE KNOW IN  
22 L.A. COUNTY THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 1.2 MILLION ELIGIBLE BUT  
23 UNREGISTERED CITIZENS. THAT'S WHAT WE KNOW. WHAT WE HAVE  
24 LEARNED IN OUR PROCESS OF DOING VOTER OUTREACH AND THE  
25 PARTNERSHIP THAT WE HAVE WITH THESE GREAT ORGANIZATIONS

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1   STANDING WITH ME TODAY IS THAT WHEN WE MEET THOSE ELIGIBLE  
2   CITIZENS WHERE THEY'RE AT, IN THEIR COMMUNITY, AND TALK ABOUT  
3   THE POWER OF BEING A REGISTERED VOTER, THEY SHOW UP AND VOTE  
4   IN HIGHER NUMBERS. THERE WAS AN ARTICLE IN THE "WASHINGTON  
5   POST" YESTERDAY THAT TALKS SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE WORK THAT  
6   HAS BEEN DONE IN CALIFORNIA IN THIS REGARD. SO WE ARE VERY  
7   PLEASED TO BE PARTICIPATING IN NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION  
8   DAY. WE HAVE TWO EVENTS NEXT WEEK, ONE AT CAL STATE L.A., ONE  
9   AT U.S.C. AND WE'RE ENCOURAGING EVERYBODY TO JOIN ON  
10  BANDWAGON. USE SOCIAL MEDIA, USE YOUR NETWORKS TO PROMOTE  
11  VOTER REGISTRATION, NOT JUST NEW REGISTRATION BUT WE HAVE THE  
12  NOVEMBER 4TH COMING UP. IF PEOPLE MOVED, CHANGED THEIR NAME,  
13  ANY UPDATE THEY NEED TO MAKE TO THEIR VOTER REGISTRATION, NOW  
14  IS TIME TO DO IT AND WE WILL MOVE FORWARD AND AGAIN PARTNER  
15  WITH THESE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO MEET OUR REGISTERED  
16  VOTERS WHERE THEY'RE AT AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO PARTICIPATE ON  
17  NOVEMBER FOURTH AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED SUCCESS WITH  
18  THIS NATIONAL EVENT. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20  **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO IT'S ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE BOARD OF  
21  SUPERVISORS THAT WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE  
22  NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY. AND WE DO THIS WITH RESPECT  
23  FOR THE WORK THAT MANY ORGANIZATIONS HAVE DONE AND  
24  PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT ARE REPRESENTED HERE TODAY. AND WE SAY  
25  TO YOU, DEAN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. WE TRUST THAT YOU

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1 WILL CONTINUE TO SET AN EXAMPLE FOR OTHER COUNTIES IN THE  
2 STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES OF  
3 AMERICA. ONCE AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE  
4 BOARD.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY? I RECOGNIZED YOU  
7 ALREADY. I'M WAITING FOR YOU TO TALK.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU WON'T HAVE TO WAIT LONG. I'D LIKE TO  
10 INVITE JEFFREY KAHANE. IT'S AN HONOR FOR THE BOARD TO HAVE  
11 JEFFREY KAHANE HERE TODAY. I THINK IT'S THE FIRST TIME AT  
12 LEAST SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE THAT WE'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
13 RECOGNIZE YOU. JEFFREY KAHANE OPENS HIS 18TH SEASON AS MUSIC  
14 DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES CHAMBER ORCHESTRA ON SEPTEMBER  
15 20TH, A POSITION HE HAS HELD WITH DISTINCTION SINCE 1997,  
16 HAVING EMERGED AS A WORLD- CLASS PIANIST SOON AFTER HIS 1983  
17 CARNEGIE HALL DEBUT AND A MAJOR NEW TALENT ON THE PODIUM WITH  
18 HIS 1998 DEBUT AT THE OREGON BACH FESTIVAL. HE IS A LOS  
19 ANGELES NATIVE, HE WAS BORN AND RAISED IN THE THIRD DISTRICT.  
20 BEGINNING HIS PIANO STUDIES LOCALLY AT THE AGE OF 5, LATER  
21 ATTENDING JULLIARD, GRADUATED FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO  
22 CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC AND WINNING FIRST PRIZE AT THE 1983  
23 RUBENSTEIN COMPETITION. HIS COMMITMENT TO LOS ANGELES  
24 CONTINUES THROUGH CONDUCTING DOZENS OF FREE AND LOW-COST  
25 PERFORMANCES FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN AND FAMILYS IN DOWNTOWN LOS

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1 ANGELES, GLENDALE, CANOGA PARK AND SOUTH LOS ANGELES. HIS  
2 NOTABLE PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS WITH THE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA  
3 INCLUDE PERFORMING AND CONDUCTING THE FULL CYCLE OF MOZART'S  
4 23 PIANO CONCERTOS OVER THE COURSE OF TWO YEARS AND ALL FIVE  
5 OF BEETHOVEN'S PIANO CONCERTOS IN A SINGLE WEEKEND. OTHER  
6 HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE ORCHESTRA TOURS OF NEW YORK AND THE EAST  
7 COAST INCLUDING ENGAGEMENTS AT CARNEGIE HALL. AN EIGHT-CITY  
8 TOUR OF THE EUROPEAN CAPITALS. A TWO-DAY CHAMBER MUSIC  
9 MARATHON AT U.C.L.A.'S ROYCE HALL AND CONDUCTING THE CHAMBER  
10 ORCHESTRA ON FOUR RECORDINGS. HIS NUMEROUS PIANO RECORDINGS  
11 INCLUDE WORKS OF GERSHWIN AND BERNSTEIN WITH CELLIST YOYO MA  
12 AND THE COMPLETE WORKS FOR VIOLIN AND PIANO BY SHUBERT WITH  
13 VIOLINIST JOSEPH SWENSON; HIS RECORDINGS AS CONDUCTOR INCLUDE  
14 THE BACH VIOLIN CONCERTOS WITH HILLARY HAHN AND THE LOS  
15 ANGELES CHAMBER ORCHESTRA FOR DEUTSCHE GRAMOPHONE. SO THE  
16 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY, JEFF, TO  
17 COMMEND YOU FOR A LIFETIME OF OUTSTANDING MUSICAL CONTRIBUTION  
18 AS A PIANIST, AS A CONDUCTOR, AS A MUSICAL DIRECTOR AND MENTOR  
19 TO FUTURE GENERATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL MUSICIANS, INSTILLING IN  
20 STUDENTS AND AUDIENCES A LIKE A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF AND  
21 FOR CLASSICAL MUSIC AND WE EXTEND YOU OUR SINCERE BEST WISHES  
22 FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN YOUR NEW ROLE AS  
23 MUSIC DIRECTOR LAUREATE OF THE LOS ANGELES CHAMBER ORCHESTRA  
24 FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF YOUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON IN  
25 2017. YOU'VE BEEN A REAL FIXTURE IN THE LOS ANGELES CULTURAL

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1 SCENE ESPECIALLY THE CLASSICAL MUSIC SCENE. I'VE ENJOYED YOUR  
2 CONCERTS MYSELF, ENJOYED YOUR PLAYING. AND IT'S AN HONOR TO  
3 HAVE YOU HERE. AND I THINK ALL OF LOS ANGELES SHOULD BE  
4 PINCHING THEMSELVES FOR THE OPPORTUNITY AND THE PRIVILEGE THEY  
5 HAD OF HAVING YOU HERE AS THE CULTURAL ICON YOU ARE.  
6 CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **JEFFREY KAHANE:** THANK YOU SO MUCH TO THE SUPERVISORS AND I  
9 WANT TO SAY A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,  
10 WHO'S BEEN ONE OF THE GREAT SUPPORTERS NOT ONLY OF OUR  
11 ORCHESTRA, THE L.A. CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, BUT OF MUSIC AND THE  
12 ARTS IN GENERAL IN CALIFORNIA. I AM THE FIFTH MUSIC DIRECTOR  
13 IN THE HISTORY OF THE LOS ANGELES CHAMBER ORCHESTRA WHICH WAS  
14 FOUNDED IN THE LATE 1960S AND I HAD THE GREAT EXPERIENCE AS A  
15 CHILD OF 12 TO ATTEND SOME OF THE FIRST CONCERTS AT THE MARK  
16 TAPER FORUM. AND I NEVER IN MY WILDEST DREAMS AT THAT TIME  
17 WOULD HAVE IMAGINE THAT I WOULD SOME DAY SERVE AS THE MUSIC  
18 DIRECTOR. THE HISTORY OF MUSIC AND CULTURE IN LOS ANGELES IS A  
19 REMARKABLE AND DRAMATIC ONE AND IT'S BEEN AN AMAZING JOY AND  
20 PRIVILEGE TO SEE A CITY WHICH 100 YEARS AGO WAS ESSENTIALLY  
21 NOWHERE ON THE MAP OF CULTURE BECOME ONE OF THE TRULY, ONE OF  
22 THE TWO OR THREE GREATEST CITIES FOR CULTURE IN THE WORLD. AND  
23 YOU ALLUDED TO OUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. I JUST WANTED TO SAY  
24 THAT JUST IN THE LAST FEW DAYS, ONE OF A SERIES OF REMARKABLE  
25 STUDIES WAS PUBLISHED ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF MUSIC EDUCATION ON



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1 CHILDREN. AND THIS STUDY, WHICH WAS DONE AT NORTHWESTERN  
2 UNIVERSITY, INVOLVED THE HARMONY PROJECT, WHICH IS BASED HERE  
3 IN LOS ANGELES, AND IT DEMONSTRATED THAT CHILDREN WHO PLAY  
4 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS IN IMPOVERISHED NEIGHBORHOODS HAVE A RATE  
5 OF COLLEGE ATTENDANCE OF 90 PERCENT COMPARED TO 50 PERCENT OF  
6 THOSE WHO DO NOT PLAY AN INSTRUMENT. AND IT IS JUST A  
7 TREMENDOUS PRIVILEGE FOR ME, PERHAPS THE GREATEST OF ALL THE  
8 PRIVILEGES I HAVE AS MUSIC DIRECTOR THAT WE HAVE SUCH A  
9 WONDERFUL MUSIC EDUCATION PROGRAM. TO THOSE OF YOU WHO NEVER  
10 ATTENDED ONE OF OUR CONCERTS, OUR SEASON OPENS THIS WEEKEND.  
11 WE OPEN SATURDAY NIGHT AT 8 P.M. AT THE ALEX THEATER IN  
12 GLENDALE AND SUNDAY NIGHT AT 7 P.M. AT U.C.L.A.'S ROYCE HALL.  
13 THANKS SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NEXT I'D LIKE TO INVITE SUSAN LOEWENBERG TO  
16 JOIN ME. THERE SHE IS. SUSAN IS JOINED BY SANDY WILLEN AND  
17 HONORED TO HAVE YOU BOTH HERE. I'VE KNOWN SUSAN FOR A LONG  
18 TIME. I THINK SINCE MY COLLEGE DAYS OR CLOSE TO IT. AND WE  
19 INVITED SUSAN HERE TO HONOR HER AND TO HONOR L.A. THEATER  
20 WORKS, WHICH IS A NONPROFIT MEDIA ARTS ORGANIZATION BASED IN  
21 LOS ANGELES WHOSE MISSION IS TO PRESENT, PRESERVE AND  
22 DISSEMINATE CLASSICAL AND CONTEMPORARY PLAYS ESPECIALLY  
23 ADAPTED FOR AUDIO PRESENTATIONS UTILIZING MUSIC, SOUND EFFECTS  
24 AND THE VOCAL TALENTS OF ACTORS PURELY IN THE THEATER OF THE  
25 MIND. L.A. THEATER WORKS WAS ORIGINALLY FOUNDED IN 1974 AS

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1 ARTISTS IN PRISON. THEY WERE A GROUP OF IDEALISTIC YOUNG  
2 THEATER PEOPLE AND SEASONED STAGE, TELEVISION AND FILM ACTORS  
3 DEDICATED TO SOCIAL ACTIVISM WHO FIRST BROUGHT THEIR ART INTO  
4 JAILS AND PRISONS TO WORK WITH AND MOTIVATE INMATES TO FIND  
5 THE INSPIRATION TO MAKE POSITIVE CHANGES IN LIVES AND  
6 COMMUNITIES. L.A. THEATER WORKS HAS OVER THE YEARS EVOLVED,  
7 DEVELOPED AND REFINED ITS OWN DISTINCTIVE BRAND OF AUDIO DRAMA  
8 AND PIONEERED INNOVATIVE DISTRIBUTION STRATEGIES THROUGH  
9 TERRESTRIAL RADIO, CONVENTIONAL TAPE AND C.D. PACKAGES AND  
10 ONLINE DIGITAL TRANSMISSION TO ENSURE THAT THIS UNIQUE AND  
11 VENERABLE DRAMATIC ART FORM REMAINS FRESH, RELEVANT AND EASILY  
12 AVAILABLE TO TODAY'S AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF AUDIENCES. L.A.  
13 THEATRE WORKS HAS CREATED AN AUDIO THEATER COLLECTION OF MORE  
14 THAN 400 RECORDED PLAYS THE LARGEST ARCHIVE OF ITS KIND IN THE  
15 WORLD, COMPRISING THE WORKS OF MANY OF THE FINEST DRAMATISTS  
16 WHO EVER LIVED RANGING FROM SOPHOCLES AND SHAKESPEARE, TO  
17 CHEKOV, OSCAR WILDE, TOM STOPPARD, AND YES MINA RAZA TO NAME  
18 ONLY A FEW. WINNING AWARDS AND REACHING ONLINE AUDIENCES  
19 NUMBERING IN THE MILLIONS AROUND THE GLOBE AND EVEN TRAVELING  
20 TO PERFORM LIVE ON STAGE. SO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WANTED  
21 TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR L.A. THEATER WORKS AND ITS  
22 FOUNDER AND PRODUCING DIRECTOR SUSAN A. LOEWENBERG AND COMMEND  
23 THEM ON THEIR 40TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON OF BRINGING INNOVATIVE  
24 AND SOPHISTICATED DRAMA TO THE STAGE, RADIO AND ONLINE  
25 LISTENERS' LIBRARIES IN CLASSROOMS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WITH

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1 SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN  
2 ALL OF YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS. SIGNED BY ALL FIVE OF US. I'M A  
3 BIG FAN OF L.A. THEATER WORKS, WHEN YOU WERE ON RADIO LIVE IN  
4 THE GOOD OLD DAYS WHEN BARBARA AND I WERE COMING BACK FROM  
5 SOME EVENT ON SATURDAY NIGHT, WE WOULD ALWAYS LISTEN TO IT,  
6 AND RUN IN THE HOUSE DURING INTERMISSION TO CATCH THE SECOND  
7 ACT. I'M SORRY YOU'RE NOT ON LIVE RADIO, BUT YOU STILL ARE --

8

9 **SUSAN LOWENBERG:** NO, NO, WE ARE. WE ARE ON 80 STATIONS ALL  
10 OVER THE UNITED STATES.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW ABOUT L.A.? SUSA LOWENBERG: AND DAILY IN  
13 CHINA, AND KPFK. **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT TIME? WHAT TIME AND  
14 WHAT DAY?

15

16 **SUSAN LOEWENBERG:** WE'RE ON THURSDAY NIGHTS FROM 7:00 TO 9:00.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THURSDAY NIGHTS 7 TO 9. WELL, OKAY. THERE  
19 YOU GO. NOW I CAN LISTEN. BUT IT MEANS I HAVE TO PUT IT ON  
20 KPFK. OKAY, I'LL DO THAT. I'LL DO THAT. SERIOUSLY. YOU BROUGHT  
21 GREAT HAPPINESS AND EDUCATION ABOUT DRAMA TO COUNTLESS PEOPLE.  
22 AND I'M PROUD TO KNOW YOU FOR ALL THESE YEARS AND TO SEE WHAT  
23 YOU'VE MANAGED TO ACCOMPLISH. CONGRATULATIONS.

24

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1     **SUSAN LOEWENBERG:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU, ZEV  
2     YAROSLAVSKY, WE HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER FROM GRADUATE SCHOOL  
3     TOGETHER BELIEVE IT OR NOT. AND THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE  
4     SUPERVISORS. AND THIS IS A TERRIFIC WAY TO START OUR 40TH  
5     ANNIVERSARY YEAR, WHICH IS GOING TO CULMINATE IN A GALA  
6     CELEBRATION CELEBRATING THE 2,000 ARTISTS WHO HAVE HELPED US  
7     ACCOMPLISH WHAT WE HAVE DONE IN THE SPRING. BUT I WOULD SAY  
8     THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I HAVE LEARNED, WHETHER IT WAS  
9     WORKING WITH INCARCERATED MEN AND WOMEN AND YOUNG PEOPLE,  
10    MAKING THEATER, OR RECORDING PLAYS WITH THE GREATEST ACTORS IN  
11    THE WORLD, CREATIVITY CAN HAPPEN ANYWHERE. AND IT IS BEAUTIFUL  
12    TO SEE AND INSPIRING. AND WE HAVE CHANGED OUR VENUE, BUT WE'VE  
13    NEVER CHANGED OUR CONTENT. WE ARE DEDICATED TO FINDING ALL OF  
14    THE WAYS THAT THEATER CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. AND GOING INTO  
15    THE FUTURE FOR L.A. THEATER WORKS IS ABOUT USING THIS  
16    WONDERFUL RESOURCE. AND OUR ASPIRATION IS TO HAVE OUR APPS,  
17    WHICH WE'RE NOW CREATING. WE'RE CREATING APPS FOR EDUCATION IN  
18    EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL IN AMERICA. AND WE ARE WORKING WITH THE  
19    L.A. COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM, WITH THE SAN DIEGO SCHOOL SYSTEM  
20    AND THE NEW YORK CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM TO PILOT PROGRAMS THAT  
21    WILL HELP US AS WE MOVE FORWARD TO WORK WITH KIDS ALL OVER THE  
22    UNITED STATES USING THEATER AS A GREAT RESOURCE. SO THANK YOU  
23    VERY MUCH FOR ALL OF THIS. AND THANK YOU TO MY WONDERFUL BOARD  
24    MEMBER, SANDY, FOR COMING WITH ME. AND THANK YOU AGAIN. AND I  
25    JUST WANT TO SAY I WAS AT THE L.A. OPERA ON SATURDAY NIGHT

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1 WHEN SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY CONDUCTED. AND ALL I CAN SAY IS  
2 GUSTAVO DUDAMEL, WATCH OUT. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANYBODY ELSE? OKAY. WE WILL PROCEED TO  
5 THOSE HOLDING MULTIPLE ITEMS. ERIC PREVEN, DR. GENEVIEVE  
6 CLAVREUL, ARNOLD SACHS. THREE MINUTES.

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8 **ERIC PREVEN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, COUNTY RESIDENT FROM  
9 DISTRICT 3. AND THERE WAS A PIECE BY GARETH ROLF ABOUT THE  
10 STATE'S CHILD SERVICES INSPECTION PROGRAM WHICH IS NOT DOING  
11 VERY WELL. BUT THERE'S A HOT ISSUE THAT WE'RE ALL FACING HERE  
12 IN THE COUNTY, WHICH HAS TO DO WITH ARC FROP WHICH IS THE  
13 RELATIVE CAREGIVER MONEY FOR D.C.F.S. VERSUS THE NONRELATIVE  
14 CARE MONEY. AND I THINK THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, BECAUSE  
15 IT'S SEPTEMBER 16TH AND WE HAVE TO OPT IN BY OCTOBER 1 OUGHT  
16 TO WRITE A FIVE SIGNATURE LETTER SAYING WHERE IS THE OFFER?  
17 BECAUSE IT'S VERY CONFUSING AND IT SHOULDN'T COME DOWN TO THE  
18 WIRE. I KNOW YOU HAVE TO MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT THAT. ITEM NO.  
19 2-P AND 3-P, OF COURSE, ARE, AS SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY PRESSES  
20 ON, HE'S PUSHING SOME MORE 1996 PROP MONEY INTO BOTH THE  
21 HOLLYWOOD BOWL AND SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY, WHICH I  
22 THINK I HAVE THAT CORRECT. AND OF COURSE IT'S ALWAYS  
23 APPRECIATED BUT THE QUESTION BECOMES AND IT'S ALWAYS BEEN ARE  
24 THESE THE UNDERSERVED AREAS THAT NEED THAT MONEY? DO WE REALLY  
25 NEED TO BE UPDATING THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL PLAZA? HE'S ALREADY

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1 BEEN CORONATED. HE'S GOT A NICE SIGN THERE AND I THINK IT'S  
2 WELL DESERVED. HE CERTAINLY BEEN DELIVERING FOR THEM. ITEM NO.  
3 2 IS MAYOR ANTONOVICH IS ONCE AGAIN SEEKING TO GO BACKWARDS TO  
4 2007 PRIOR TO MR. C.E.O. COMING IN TO TAKE CARE OF MANY  
5 THINGS. AND A DAY WHEN MARTY JIMENEZ, ONE OF THE CHIEF  
6 LIEUTENANTS OF A SUPERVISOR IS LEAVING IT REALLY RAISES THE  
7 QUESTION WOULD IT BE BETTER TO HAVE MORE ON THE SUPERVISORS'  
8 PLATE OR IS IT BETTER TO HAVE THE DEPUTIES HANDLING THINGS AND  
9 BRING THEM FORWARD. I THINK IT'S AN IMPORTANT DISCUSSION TO  
10 HAVE OUT IN THE OPEN BECAUSE THERE ARE ADVANTAGES TO BOTH  
11 SIDES OF THAT. I THINK THE END OF THE DAY WE NEED TO DIVERSIFY  
12 THE ATTENTION ON THESE THINGS BECAUSE THERE'S A LACK OF REAL  
13 FOCUS ON SOME OF THE IMPORTANT ISSUES. ITEM NO. 6 IS THE  
14 C.I.O. AND THE I.S.D. ARE TEAMING UP TO RECOMEND THAT  
15 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS IS CORRECT. IT'S TIME TO GET 60  
16 DAYS BACK ON THE DOWNEY DATA CENTER WHICH OF COURSE BENEFITS  
17 SUPERVISOR KNABE'S TEAM AND THE I.B.M. THEY DID A REPORT THAT  
18 THE COUNTY COUNSEL DOESN'T WANT TO SHOW. SO MY ATTENTION HAS  
19 GONE UP ON WHAT IS REALLY GOING ON THERE. AND I THINK IT WOULD  
20 BE GREAT TO KNOW. ITEM NO. 7 IS MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S  
21 SUGGESTION THAT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE HOSPITAL, THE M.L.K.,  
22 THAT CERNER AND THIS COUNTY COUNSEL AND OTHERS BE ALLOWED TO  
23 MAKE DECISIONS UNDER \$499,000. THAT'S UPSETTING BECAUSE CERNER  
24 HAS A HUGE CONTRACT AND THESE GUYS ARE EXPERTS AT FLEEING  
25 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. SO I DON'T KNOW. THAT WORRIES ME. BUT I



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1 KNOW YOU HAVE TO BE EFFICIENT. SO WHO KNOWS ON THAT. ITEM NO.  
2 17 ANNOUNCES THAT DANA GARCETTI BOLDT IS TAKING OVER AS THE  
3 INDEPENDENT MONITOR FOR PROBATION. SHE'S MAKING \$178,000. WHY  
4 IN THE WORLD CAN'T WE KNOW WHAT THE IMPLEMENTATION MONITOR  
5 OVER JAILS, RICHARD DROOYAN WAS MAKING? AND WHY IN THE WORLD  
6 IS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PERSISTING IN A LAWSUIT WHEN THEY  
7 KNOW THAT THEY CAN DO THE RIGHT THING AND SIMPLY DISCLOSE THAT  
8 INFORMATION TO THE A.C.L.U. AND THE PUBLIC? I DON'T KNOW.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DR. CLAVREUL?

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12 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF  
13 SUPERVISORS, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM NO. 2, PERSONALLY  
14 I WAS NOT IN FAVOR TO CREATE THAT SIXTH POSITION. BUT I'M ALSO  
15 VERY CONCERNED ON HOW YOU GO TO REASSIGN THE PEOPLE WHO ARE  
16 NOW IN THOSE POSITIONS. I THINK THAT WAS A POOR DECISION MADE  
17 AT THE TIME BECAUSE WHEN WE NEVER ELECTED MR. FUJIOKA AND HAS  
18 TOO MUCH POWER FOR HIS POSITION. ON ITEM NO. 10, I AM  
19 EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT THAT PIECE OF INFORMATION. WE  
20 ABSOLUTELY CANNOT ALLOW SAINT FRANCIS TRAUMA CENTER TO BE  
21 CLOSED. THIS IS ONE OF THE SAFETY NETS FOR THE PEOPLE IN AREA  
22 AND PEOPLE TRAVELING TO L.A.X. AND SO ON. AND ALSO THE WRITING  
23 WAS SAID THAT TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY TO HAVE A LEVEL 2  
24 CENTER AT M.L.K. THE NEW HOSPITAL WAS NOT EVEN FINISHED. WE  
25 DON'T HAVE ANY SIGN OF VIABILITY. AND TO EVEN THINKING OF

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1    ADDING A TRAUMA CENTER TO THE HOSPITAL IS BEYOND MY  
2    COMPREHENSION LEVEL. AND SO NONE OF YOU HAVE DONE YOUR  
3    HOMEWORK VIS-A-VIS THAT ISSUE. ON ITEM 22, 23 AND 24, THEY ARE  
4    IN SOME WAY PRETTY MUCH CONNECTED. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO  
5    TAKE ANY DECISION ON THOSE ITEMS WHEN D.H.S., AS USUAL, HAVE  
6    REFUSED TO GIVE THE BUDGET AND THE REPORT ON HOW THINGS ARE  
7    GOING IN D.H.S. AND NATURALLY THOSE DECISIONS COULD ONLY BE  
8    TAKEN WITH APPROPRIATE INFORMATION. WHICH YOU DO NOT HAVE. AND  
9    AS USUAL, THE BUDGET IS MOVED FROM ONE TIME TO ANOTHER. ON THE  
10   CERNER ISSUE, I AM VERY CONCERNED BECAUSE WE HAVE GIVEN MONEY  
11   TO CERNER AFTER MONEY. WE KNOW MOST OF THEIR PROGRAMS ARE  
12   INEFFECTIVE. AND WE ARE STILL PAYING THROUGH THE NOSE FOR  
13   THEIR INEFFICIENT SOFTWARE. ANYWAY, ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE ITEM  
14   46-A SEPARATELY? ARE YOU GOING TO HAVE 46-A AS A SINGLE ITEM?  
15   THANK YOU. I WILL COME BACK FOR THAT.

16

17   **SUP. MOLINA:** ON THAT ITEM, 46-A, I THINK THAT'S IT, RIGHT? I  
18   HAVEN'T HAD AN OPPORTUNITY. I KNOW IT'S ON THE GREEN SHEET. I  
19   HAVEN'T HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW IT. IS IT POSSIBLE WE  
20   COULD CONTINUE IT FOR A WEEK? THANK YOU.

21

22   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE SIGNED UP  
23   THAT ARE ALREADY HERE.

24

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. BUT IF WE COULD CONTINUE IT, THAT  
2   WOULD BE GREAT. [INAUDIBLE]

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4   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. NEXT?

5

6   **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS, AND I DID  
7   SIGN UP FOR NUMEROUS OPPORTUNITIES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
8   LARGENESS IN GIVING US THREE MINUTES THIS MORNING AGAIN. I  
9   SIGNED UP FOR WELL ITEM 13 REFERS TO THE QUALITY AND  
10   PRODUCTIVITY MONTH. SO I'M WONDERING WITH ALL THE  
11   PRESENTATIONS THAT YOU MAKE FOR THINGS THAT GO ON WITH THE  
12   COUNTY THEN YOU MAKE UP THE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE SILOS  
13   WITHIN DEPARTMENTS THAT DON'T ALLOW THEM TO COMMUNICATE WITH  
14   EACH OTHER. SO HOW DOES THAT AFFECT YOUR QUALITY AND  
15   PRODUCTIVITY MONTH? MAYBE YOU COULD HAVE A SILO MONTH. I HELD  
16   ITEM 23. THAT REFERS TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER WITH THE  
17   STATE. AND WE WERE TALKING ABOUT \$64 MILLION BETWEEN THESE TWO  
18   INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFERS. BUT THE STATE IS GETTING 20  
19   PERCENT ADMINISTRATIVE FEE. YOU GUYS ARE BEHIND THE CURVE.  
20   YOU'RE ONLY GETTING 10. SO WHO'S PAYING THE ADMINISTRATIVE  
21   FEES? IF YOU'RE GIVING OUT \$64 MILLION ADMINISTRATIVE FEES  
22   COMES TO \$12.8 MILLION. HOW ARE YOU BUDGETING THAT? ARE YOU  
23   BUDGETING AT 64 MILLION? YOU'RE NOT GETTING 64 MILLION.  
24   BECAUSE YOU'RE PAYING 12.8. SO THAT'S 51.2 MILLION. SO HOW DO  
25   YOU BUDGET OUT? WHO LOSES \$12.8 MILLION? BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT

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1 YOUR ARTICLE ON THE AGENDA SAYS. DO YOU THINK YOU COULD BE A  
2 LITTLE MORE FORTHCOMING WHEN YOU WRITE ARTICLES LIKE THAT ON  
3 YOUR AGENDAS AND SAY ALTHOUGH WE'RE GETTING \$60 MILLION, IT'S  
4 GOING TO COST US \$12 MILLION TO GET IT? NAH, WHO CARES? ITEM  
5 44 REFERS TO CLASSIFICATION CHANGES. AND A COUPLE OF MONTHS  
6 AGO MAYBE, MAYBE NOT EVEN, YOU HAD AN ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA  
7 ABOUT A DIRECTOR OF ONE OF THE ART MUSEUMS. AND SUPERVISOR  
8 MOLINA TALKED ABOUT PENSION SPIKING. NO PENSION SPIKING  
9 INVOLVED HERE, RIGHT? YOU KNOW, THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
10 '10/'11 WAS \$22.7 BILLION. THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR '11/'12  
11 WAS \$23.3 BILLION. THE BUDGET FOR THIS YEAR, '14/'15 IS \$26  
12 BILLION. THAT'S A \$3 BILLION INCREASE. CAN YOU TALK ABOUT THE  
13 \$3 BILLION AND WHERE THAT'S GONE WITHOUT ANY PAY RAISES AND  
14 PENSION SPIKING AND ALL THE OTHER GOOD THINGS THAT JUST SEEM  
15 TO FLOAT OFF INTO THIN AIR? OH AND BY THE WAY, BACK ON OCTOBER  
16 '10, MR. ANTONOVICH MENTIONED \$26 BILLION IN UNFUNDED  
17 LIABILITIES. AND BACK IN 11/27/12 WHEN YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT  
18 YOUR FAVORITE PROJECT, THE RANCHO LOS AMIGOS, SUPERVISOR  
19 MOLINA MENTIONED 22 BILLION IN UNFUNDED. SO THOSE NUMBERS COME  
20 IN AND OUT. BUT YOU'RE DOING A WONDERFUL JOB. <COUGHS> OH MY  
21 GOD.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE ITEM IS BEFORE US, PLEASE. SUP.  
24 RIDLEY-THOMAS: MR. CHAIRMAN, AS A POINT OF CLARIFICATION, IF I  
25 MAY. ON ITEMS 6 AND 29 AS THEY ARE BEING CONTINUED,

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1 REPRESENTATION WAS MADE THAT IT'S FOR THE BENEFIT OF A  
2 PARTICULAR OFFICE, SPECIFICALLY THE FOURTH DISTRICT. THIS IS A  
3 MATTER THAT IMPACTS THE ENTIRETY OF THE COUNTY, NOT A  
4 PARTICULAR OFFICE. AND I THINK THE RECORD OUGHT TO REFLECT  
5 THAT ACCORDINGLY.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ORION MOORE, 1-D AND 9?

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9 **ORION MOORE:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS ORION MOORE. I AM GOING  
10 TO ADDRESS MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS THAT ALL I HAVE TO SAY IS THAT  
11 I'M ALL FOR YOU GETTING FUNDING FOR THE SENIOR CITIZENS, THE  
12 WILLOWBROOK SENIOR CITIZENS PLACE THERE, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE  
13 YOU'VE BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE FIRE CHIEF FOR C.P.R.  
14 CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION. THAT ALIGNS WITH WHAT I AM  
15 DOING. I LOVE WILLOWBROOK. WE'VE HAD THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OUT  
16 THERE TO TRAIN THE CHILDREN, THE C.P.R. EMERGENCY PROGRAM  
17 WHICH I'VE REWRITTEN WHICH I'LL TALK TO YOU ABOUT LATER ON  
18 TODAY. HEALTH IS NECESSARY AND THAT'S WHY I HAVE A PROGRAM  
19 CALLED NURSE (INAUDIBLE), THE EMERGENCE OF MEDICAL SERVICES  
20 VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE TUTORS CLUB WHERE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
21 THEY'VE DONE THIS BEFORE. THEY COME OUT AND THEY TRAIN THE  
22 CHILDREN IN CERTAIN AREAS THAT DEALS WITH EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
23 SERVICES. SO ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU, MR. THOMAS, FOR YOUR  
24 EFFORTS, AND I APPRECIATE IT IF EVERYONE WOULD REALLY PAY  
25 ATTENTION AND GIVE HIM THE GREEN LIGHT. THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, JUST A QUICK REMARK ON THAT

5 ITEM. OBVIOUSLY THERE'S A GREAT NEED FOR WORK ON THIS FRONT.

6 AND SO I CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THE COMMENTS THAT WERE OFFERED.

7 BUT LET ME SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MENTION THAT ON THIS

8 COMING THURSDAY AT THE HARBOR-U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER, BOTH

9 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND I HAVE GIVEN CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO

10 NATIONAL DISASTER AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS. A MAJOR ROLLOUT

11 WILL TAKE PLACE AT 9:00 ON THIS COMING THURSDAY AT THE HARBOR-

12 U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER. AND WE WANT TO CAUSE EVERYONE TO KNOW

13 IT IS IN CONCERT WITH THE MOTION THAT IS BEFORE US, MR.

14 CHAIRMAN. I SIMPLY TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND PEOPLE THAT

15 THEY CAN BE A PART OF THAT EVENT.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I MOVE THE ITEM IS BEFORE US.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

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23 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE

24 YOUR BOARD. ITEM NO. 1-D, 1-P, 3-P, 8, 9, 13, 15, 17, 18, 22,

25 23, 24, 28, 41, 44 AND 45.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WITH THAT, THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT.

3 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO BE THE  
4 ORDER.

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6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. AND THEN ON ITEM S-2,  
7 EARLIER IN THE MEETING, THE ITEM WAS CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER  
8 18TH. IF WE COULD ASK FOR RECONSIDERATION ON THIS ITEM? THE  
9 DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES WOULD INSTEAD LIKE TO CONTINUE IT  
10 TO NOVEMBER 5TH. S-2? SO WE'LL RECONSIDER AND THEN CHANGE IT  
11 TO NOVEMBER 5TH. NOPE 5TH. INSTEAD OF NOVEMBER 18TH WHICH WAS  
12 POSTED. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU'RE UP  
15 FIRST?

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW THERE WAS AN ADJOURNMENT LAST WEEK BUT  
18 I'D LIKE TO MOVE TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DOCTOR ISMAEL NUNO  
19 WHO PASSED AWAY. HE WAS MY FORMER STUDENT. IF YOU REMEMBER, HE  
20 WAS BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS A WHILE AGO WHEN WE  
21 AWARDED HIM A PROCLAMATION FOR HIS LEADERSHIP IN THE FIELD OF  
22 MEDICINE. HE WAS ONE OF THE MOST EMINENT HEART SURGEONS IN  
23 THE WORLD. HE WAS A FORMER STUDENT OF MINE IN GOVERNMENT  
24 HISTORY WHEN I TAUGHT AT UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL IN WEST LOS  
25 ANGELES. AND ISMAEL WAS A GREAT STUDENT, SHARED MANY OF THE



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1 SAME POLITICAL PHILOSOPHIES. HE WAS A LIEUTENANT COLONEL IN  
2 THE UNITED STATES ARMY, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF CLINICAL  
3 SURGERY AT THE HOSPITAL OF UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.  
4 HAD WRITTEN NUMEROUS SCIENTIFIC ARTICLES, CONDUCTED MANY  
5 RESEARCH PRODUCTS ON DRUG PROTOCOLS FOR POST-SURGICAL PATIENTS  
6 WITH CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND  
7 SON. HE ALSO WROTE A WONDERFUL BOOK, WHICH EXPLAINS SOME OF  
8 THE PROBLEMS THAT A PHYSICIAN HAS. AND OUR LAST LUNCH WAS  
9 CANCELED BECAUSE OF HIS ILLNESS. HE ACTUALLY WORKED HIMSELF TO  
10 DEATH. WHEN YOU CONSIDER THAT A DOCTOR IS NOT A SEVEN-DAY-A-  
11 WEEK 24 HOURS A DAY, BUT AN EIGHT DAY JOB WHEN YOU ARE ON  
12 CALL, DOING THE EMERGENCIES, ALL THE TIME, NO SLEEP. AND IT  
13 DOES HAVE AN EFFECT AND IMPACT ON ONE'S LIFE. BUT HE WAS A  
14 TRUE PROFESSIONAL, WONDERFUL PERSON AND GREAT ROLE MODEL. AND  
15 I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN DR. NUNO'S MEMORY. MY COMMISSIONER  
16 TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE FOR THE PAST  
17 20 YEARS, A GREAT FRIEND, A GREAT SUPPORTER, DR. HELEN WOLFF  
18 PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 8TH. SHE WAS A GRADUATE OF THE YALE  
19 UNIVERSITY, WAS A PSYCHIATRIST OVER 50 YEARS, A CLINICAL  
20 PROFESSOR AT U.S.C.'S MEDICAL SCHOOL AND STAFF MEMBER AT  
21 CEDARS SINAI. SHE SERVED ON THE BOARD OF EL NIDO FAMILY CENTER  
22 FOR MANY YEARS. THIS LADY WAS A PREEMINENT PSYCHIATRIST WHO  
23 UNDERSTOOD THAT YOU NEED TO HAVE MANDATORY MENTAL HEALTH  
24 TREATMENT FOR THE SEVERELY MENTALLY ILL WHO WILL REMAIN  
25 HOMELESS UNTIL THEY RECEIVE THE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT THAT

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1 THEY DESERVE AND NEED. SHE WAS A GREAT SUPPORTER OF LAURA'S  
2 LAW, ATTENDED ALL THE MEETINGS, WAS JUST A WONDERFUL LADY A  
3 GREAT ROLE MODEL AND IT'S A GREAT SHOCK THAT SHE HAS PASSED  
4 AWAY. DR. GAIL VICTOR ANDERSON SR., LONG TIME RESIDENT OF  
5 SOUTH PASADENA PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 89. HE WAS A GRADUATE  
6 OF LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY AND SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY  
7 DURING WORLD WAR II. HE EARNED THE REPUTATION AS THE FATHER OF  
8 EMERGENCY MEDICINE AS THE DIRECTOR OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
9 GENERAL HOSPITAL. HE WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF O.B.G.Y.N. DEPARTMENT  
10 AT U.S.C. HE SERVED AS THE FIRST PROFESSOR CHAIRMAN OF THE  
11 EMERGENCY MEDICINE DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES, FOUNDED  
12 THE FIRST PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROGRAM AT L.A.  
13 COUNTY U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER AND WAS PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF  
14 EMERGENCY MEDICINE. IN 2002 OUR COUNTY BOARD RENAMED THE  
15 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. THE GAIL ANDERSON  
16 MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE. HE IS SURVIVED BY  
17 HIS WIFE ALICE AND FIVE CHILDREN AND ONE BROTHER. THE LAST ONE  
18 IS A FORMER INTERN OF MINE MANY YEARS AGO, KEVIN LONG WHO  
19 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 59 ON AUGUST 19TH. HE WAS A GRADUATE  
20 OF THOMAS AQUINAS COLLEGE. EARNED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN  
21 PHILOSOPHY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LAVAL IN QUEBEC AND RECEIVED  
22 HIS DOCTORATE IN GOVERNMENT AT CLAREMONT GRADUATE SCHOOL. HE  
23 WORKED AT THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, WAS  
24 PROFESSOR AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY EMMITSBURG AND HE IS  
25 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 35 YEARS MARTHA. HE WAS A GREAT

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1 THINKER, A GREAT LEADER, A GREAT ROLE MODEL, WONDERFUL INTERN,  
2 PASSED AWAY PREMATURELY AT THE AGE OF 59. THOSE ARE MY  
3 ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS, MR. CHAIRMAN. EXCUSE ME. I HAVE --

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU HAVE OTHER ADJOURNMENTS?

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT, RICHARD JOHN MEEHAN PASSED AWAY AT THE  
8 AGE OF 60; WAS A POLICE OFFICER FOR MANY YEARS AND WORKED AT  
9 CAMPING WORLD. SERVED AS USHER AT CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH.  
10 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, FIVE CHILDREN, MOTHER AND THREE  
11 SIBLINGS. KENNETH RYALL, RETIRED LIEUTENANT WITH THE LOS  
12 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS  
13 THE CENTURY REGIONAL DETENTION FACILITY. FRANCES MARIE LENTZ  
14 LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, WORKED AT THE  
15 COLLEGE OF CANYONS FOR THE PAST 25 YEARS. SHE PASSED AWAY AT  
16 THE AGE OF 81. JIMMY GUAN, RESIDENT OF ALHAMBRA PASSED AWAY ON  
17 AUGUST 27TH. HE WAS THE OWNER OF MCCORMICK'S PET EMPORIUM IN  
18 ALHAMBRA. AND JUSTIN EARLE BORNON GOCKE, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF  
19 ANTELOPE VALLEY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 36. AS A CHILD  
20 ACTOR, HE WAS KNOWN FOR HIS ROLES IN "SANTA BARBARA," "MY  
21 GRANDPA IS A VAMPIRE," AND "THE BURNING BED." HE WON AN  
22 ACADEMY AWARD IN 1989 FOR HIS OUTSTANDING YOUTH ACTING CAREER.  
23 AND HE RECEIVED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN BUSINESS AND WORKED IN  
24 MARKETING. AND GAYLE [GLEN] CRESTON EASTERLING SENIOR LONGTIME  
25 RESIDENT OF ANTELOPE VALLEY. HE WAS RETIRED CHIEF WITH THE LOS

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1 ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. SERVED AT THE PALMDALE CHAMBER  
2 OF COMMERCE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE NANCY AND THEIR FOUR  
3 CHILDREN. AND SHANA MARIE BEACH. SHE'S A RESIDENT OF  
4 LANCASTER. PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 51. SHE WAS THE E.M.T.  
5 PARAMEDIC AND A REGISTERED NURSE SURVIVED BY HER PARENTS AND  
6 HER HUSBAND, JIM, AND THEIR TWO SONS. AND THEN, MR. CHAIRMAN,  
7 I WOULD LIKE TO READ IN WORKING WITH THE C.A.O. RELATIVE TO  
8 REORGANIZATION STRUCTURE, I WANT TO READ IN THE FOLLOWING  
9 AMENDMENT AND CONTINUE THIS ITEM FOR TWO WEEKS. "OVER THE LAST  
10 DECADE, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PERIODICALLY LOOKS  
11 FOR WAYS TO IMPROVE THE COUNTY'S FORM OF GOVERNANCE TO MEET  
12 THE INCREASING COMPLEXITY OF ISSUES FACING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS,  
13 INCLUDING RE-ALIGNMENT, SEX TRAFFICKING, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
14 AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. ON MARCH 27TH, THE BOARD HAD ADOPTED AN  
15 ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING INTERIM GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE. THE  
16 PURPOSE WAS TO DETERMINE WHETHER A STRONG CENTRALIZED  
17 ADMINISTRATOR APPROACH VIA THE CREATION OF A C.E.O. WOULD  
18 ALLOW GREATER SERVICE INTEGRATION, FOCUS ON OUTCOMES FOR  
19 COUNTY CUSTOMERS AND ALLOWED THE BOARD TO INCREASE ITS FOCUS  
20 ON POLICY. THIS PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE ON A TIME  
21 LIMITED BASIS WHETHER THE STRUCTURE WOULD TRULY FACILITATE  
22 OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS THAT WERE NOT FEASIBLE THROUGH THE  
23 EXISTING C.A.O. STRUCTURE. INTERIM STRUCTURE ORGANIZED COUNTY  
24 DEPARTMENTS INTO FIVE KEY AREAS: PUBLIC SAFETY, CHILDREN AND  
25 FAMILY WELL-BEING, COMMUNITY MUNICIPAL SERVICES, HEALTH/MENTAL

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1 HEALTH AND OPERATIONS. THESE AREAS WERE KNOWN AS CLUSTERS  
2 DESIGNATED TO FACILITATE CROSS-DEPARTMENTAL COLLABORATION AND  
3 SERVICE INTEGRATION TO ACHIEVE BETTER SERVICE OUTCOMES. THIS  
4 HAS PROVEN TO BE A POSITIVE OUTCOME OF THE C.E.O. STRUCTURE  
5 AND SHOULD BE RETAINED IN ANY FUTURE STRUCTURE AS COMPLEX  
6 PROJECTS THAT REQUIRE INTENSIVE COLLABORATION AROUND  
7 HEALTHCARE, PUBLIC SAFETY, HOMELESSNESS, FOSTER CARE AND CHILD  
8 SEX TRAFFICKING HAVE BEEN MANAGED EFFECTIVELY. WHILE THE  
9 CLUSTER SYSTEM HAS BY AND LARGE WORKED, A NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCE  
10 HAS BEEN THE BUREAUCRATIC DISTANCE BETWEEN DEPARTMENT HEADS  
11 AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. UNDER THE INTERIM GOVERNANCE  
12 STRUCTURE, DEPARTMENT HEADS WHOSE AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FALL  
13 UNDER EACH OF THE CLUSTER HEADINGS REPORT TO EITHER A DEPUTY  
14 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR SENIOR ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
15 OFFICER. IT HASN'T PROVED NECESSARY FOR HIGH-LEVEL EXECUTIVES  
16 TO RUN INTERFERENCE BETWEEN THE C.E.O. AND ULTIMATELY THE  
17 BOARD. IN SOME CASES, IT HAS BEEN A HINDERANCE. IN ADDITION,  
18 AS THE AUTHORITY FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO HIRE AND FIRE  
19 DEPARTMENT HEADS DID NOT CHANGE WITH THIS INTERIM STRUCTURE,  
20 IT HAS ALSO IMPAIRED THE BOARD'S ABILITY TO EFFECTIVELY ASSESS  
21 THE PERFORMANCE OF DEPARTMENT HEADS. THE COUNTY IS FACING AN  
22 UNPRECEDENTED ERA, TWO NEWLY- ELECTED SUPERVISORS, A NEWLY-  
23 ELECTED SHERIFF AND A NEWLY- ELECTED ASSESSOR WILL ALL BE  
24 SEATED BY THE END OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR. THE BOARD IS ALSO  
25 FACED WITH HAVING TO HIRE A C.E.O., COUNTY COUNSEL, PUBLIC

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1 HEALTH DIRECTOR AND AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. GIVEN THE CHANGES IN  
2 LEADERSHIP, A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO RETHINK THE COUNTY'S FORM  
3 OF GOVERNANCE, ADOPT A PERMANENT GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE  
4 SATISFIES THE BOARD'S ORGANIZATIONAL OBJECTIVES. A RETURN TO  
5 THE ORIGINAL GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE WITH SOME MODIFICATIONS  
6 WOULD PROVIDE FOR A C.A.O. TO HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO SUPERVISE  
7 THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY TO COORDINATE THE ADMISSION OF ALL  
8 DEPARTMENTS, SERVICES, INSTITUTIONS AND DISTRICTS THE C.A.O.  
9 IS ARTICULATED IN CHAPTER 2 OF THE COUNTY CODE. WOULD THEN BE  
10 DIRECTED TO STRUCTURE THE OFFICE TO RESTAIN SOME OF THE  
11 ELEMENTS THAT WORKED IN THE INTERIM, NAMELY THE CLUSTER  
12 SYSTEM, BUT ALSO THE STREAMLINE OF BUREAUCRACY THAT WAS PUT IN  
13 PLACE BY ELIMINATING ANY UNNECESSARY LAYERS OF MANAGEMENT  
14 BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT HEADS, THE C.A.O. AND ULTIMATELY THE  
15 BOARD. OVERSIGHT OF ALL 31 DEPARTMENT HEADS WOULD BE RETAINED  
16 BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THE C.A.O. ASSISTING THE BOARD IN  
17 EVALUATING PERFORMANCES. THIS WOULD ENSURE THAT THE BOARD  
18 WOULD CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON SETTING POLICY AND ENSURING  
19 EFFECTIVE DELIVERY OF SERVICES TO OUR MORE THAN 10 MILLION  
20 RESIDENTS WHO RESIDE IN OUR COUNTY. I WOULD THEREFORE MOVE  
21 THAT THE BOARD DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE  
22 THAT WOULD REPEAL THE 2007 INTERIM ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM OF  
23 GOVERNANCE THEREBY REVERTING BACK TO THE ORIGINAL GOVERNMENT  
24 STRUCTURE WHEREBY THE COUNTY'S ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM WOULD BE  
25 GOVERNED BY THE C.A.O. AS ARTICULATED IN CHAPTER 2 OF THE

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1 COUNTY CODE, REVISE THE JOB DESCRIPTION OF THE C.A.O. TO  
2 COMPORT WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S UPDATED GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE,  
3 RETAIN THE DISCRETION TO DELEGATE TO THE C.A.O. ADMINISTRATIVE  
4 SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OVER SPECIFIED SPECIFIC DEPARTMENT  
5 HEADS AND CLARIFY THAT NOTHING IN THE ORDINANCE WOULD MANDATE  
6 A REDUCTION IN PERSONNEL." THAT WILL BE ON FOR TWO WEEKS.  
7 THAT'S ALL I HAVE, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF VIRGINIA  
10 LOPEZ. SHE IS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE SOLEDAD ENRICHMENT  
11 ACTION, BETTER KNOWN AS S.E.A. S.E.A. IS DEVOTED TO  
12 TRANSFORMING LIVES AND COMMUNITIES BY PROVIDING ESSENTIAL  
13 GUIDANCE, RESOURCES AS WELL AS SUPPORT. VIRGINIA WAS A  
14 STEADFAST FIRST DISTRICT ADVOCATE WHO NEVER FAILED TO CARRY  
15 OUT THESE GUIDING PRINCIPLES. SHE WAS A REMARKABLE WOMAN WHO  
16 TOUCHED COUNTLESS LIVES AND WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES  
17 TO HER FAMILY, HER FRIENDS AS WELL AS HER COLLEAGUES. THANK  
18 YOU.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. ANY  
21 ADJOURNMENTS?

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE NONE.

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25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, ADJOURNMENTS?



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. MAY I ADJOURN IN  
3 MEMORY OF DEACON RUFUS ROSCOE MORROW BORN IN JULY THE 8TH,  
4 1909 IN WATSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND PASSED ON THE 28TH OF  
5 AUGUST AT THE AGE OF 105 YEARS. IN 1968 AT THE AGE OF 59, HE  
6 BOUGHT A HOME ON FERRIS STREET IN ATLANTA AND WAS AMONG ONE OF  
7 THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICANS ALLOWED TO LIVE IN A DESEGREGATED  
8 NEIGHBORHOOD. THE CITY IS CONSIDERING NAMING THAT STREET IN  
9 HIS HONOR. HE'LL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO  
10 THE COMMUNITY AND HIS CHURCH. HE BELIEVED THAT A COUPLE OF  
11 LIFE'S SECRETS WERE GOODNESS TOWARD OTHERS AND HAVING FAITH.  
12 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN, CRYSTAL, SHEILA, LARRY AND  
13 MANY OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL CERTAINLY MISS  
14 HIM DEARLY. RUFUS ROSCOE MORROW, MR. CHAIRMAN. MR. CHAIRMAN,  
15 I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOE SAMPLE, BORN FEBRUARY 1,  
16 1939 IN HOUSTON TEXAS AND PASSED ON SEPTEMBER 12 AT THE AGE OF  
17 75. AS A YOUNG CHILD, HE PLAYED THE PIANO AND WENT ON TO STUDY  
18 MUSIC AT TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY HE TEAMED UP WITH FRIENDS  
19 TO FORM THE JAZZ CRUSADERS. AND AS A YOUNG BAND, THE JAZZ  
20 CRUSADERS TRAVELED ACROSS THE GULF STATES AND IN THE 1950S  
21 MOVED TO LOS ANGELES AND PLAYED AS A HARD BOP JAZZ GROUP AND  
22 IN 1971, THE BAND WAS RENAMED THE CRUSADERS AND PLAYED A BLEND  
23 OF JAZZ.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GREAT MUSIC.

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JAZZ, FUNK AND R&B. MR. SAMPLE WAS ALSO A  
3 SOLO PERFORMER AND RECORDED WITH THE LEGENDARY GREATS  
4 INCLUDING MARVIN GAYE, STEELY DAN, LALAH HATHAWAY, B.B. KING  
5 AND ANITA BAKER. HIS EXPERIMENTAL ENERGY AND UNIQUE  
6 COMPOSITIONS MADE HIM A HIGHLY-SOUGHT-AFTER PERFORMER AND  
7 COMPOSER. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL  
8 PIANISTS AND AMAZING ARTISTS OF CONTEMPORARY JAZZ. MR. SAMPLE  
9 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE YOLANDA, HIS SON NICKLAS ALONG WITH  
10 MANY FANS AND MUSICAL CONTEMPORARIES WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY.  
11 FINALLY, THE ONE AND ONLY GERALD WILSON. BORN SEPTEMBER 4,  
12 1918 IN MISSISSIPPI AND PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 8 AT THE AGE  
13 OF 96. AS THE YOUNG CHILD HE LEARNED TO PLAY PIANO AND  
14 TRUMPET. AS A TEENAGER HE PLAYED THE TRUMPET AT THE RENOWNED  
15 DETROIT PLANTATION CLUB. 1939 HE JOINED THE CHIC CARTER BAND  
16 AND PLAYED FOR THE JIMMY LUNCEFORD BAND AND ORCHESTRA, ONE OF  
17 THE NATION'S MOST PROMINENT SWING BANDS. NOW, GERALD WILSON  
18 SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY AT THE GREAT LAKES NAVAL  
19 TRAINING CENTER DURING WORLD WAR II. 1944 HE MOVED TO LOS  
20 ANGELES AND FORMED HIS OWN BAND. AND AFTER THAT BAND  
21 DISBANDED, HE TOURED WITH THE GREAT COUNT BASIE ORCHESTRA AND  
22 THE DIZZY GILLESPIE BIG BAND. THE '50S AND '60S, HE ARRANGED  
23 AND COMPOSED JAZZ FOR POP SINGERS THAT MANY OF US KNOW IN BIG  
24 BANDS INCLUDING RAY CHARLES, DUKE ELLINGTON, DINAH WASHINGTON,  
25 BILLIE HOLIDAY, JUST TO NAME A FEW. HE ALSO ARRANGED AND

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1 COMPOSED MUSIC FOR FILM AND TELEVISION. SOME OF HIS MUSIC WAS  
2 INSPIRED BY HIS WIFE, JOSEFINA, WHICH INCLUDED COMPOSITIONS  
3 FOR LATIN-ROCK GROUP EL CHICANO. AND IN 1969 TO 1976, HE  
4 TAUGHT JAZZ HISTORY COURSES AT CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE, CAL STATE  
5 L.A., U.C.L.A. AND HOSTED HIS OWN LOS ANGELES RADIO PROGRAM ON  
6 KBCA-FM 105.1. WELL, WHEN MR. WILSON EARNED SEVEN GRAMMY  
7 NOMINATIONS THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER IN 2004, HE WAS HONORED WITH  
8 THE PRESIDENT'S MERIT AWARD AND THE RECORDING ACADEMY GRAMMY  
9 SALUTE TO JAZZ. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS AN ADVENTUROUS AND  
10 HYPNOTIC COMPOSER AND FOR HIS DIVERSE JAZZ SOUNDS AND  
11 IMAGINATIVE FLOW OF MUSIC. GERALD WILSON IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
12 WIFE, HIS SON, HIS DAUGHTERS AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN ALONG WITH  
13 MANY OTHERS WHO WILL CHERISH HIS MEMORY FOREVER, LADIES AND  
14 GENTLEMEN, THE ONE AND ONLY GERALD WILSON. THANK YOU, MR.  
15 CHAIR.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. A NUMBER OF ADJOURNMENTS  
18 TODAY. FIRST OF ALL ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF A GREAT FRIEND,  
19 PAT PRATT. A LONGTIME FRIEND AND RESIDENT OF THE FOURTH  
20 DISTRICT WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AFTER A LONG ILLNESS. SHE  
21 DIDN'T TELL ANY OF US ABOUT. BUT SHE WAS 71. SHE LOVED LIFE,  
22 PEOPLE AND LIVED EVERY DAY TO THE FULLEST. SHE WAS PAST  
23 PRESENT OF THE DOWNEY CHAMBER, PAST PRESENT RANCHO LOS AMIGOS  
24 HOSPITAL GUILD. GRAND MARSHAL, SHE WAS JUST A VERY ACTIVE  
25 MEMBER. NOT ONLY IN DOWNEY BUT THEN LATER ON IN THE LONG BEACH

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1 AREA AND AS WELL AS THE ISLAND OF CATALINA. SHE IS SURVIVED BY  
2 HER SON JEFF, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN AND HER SISTER, AND MANY,  
3 MANY FRIENDS WHO WILL TRULY MISS HER AND THEIR ACTIVITIES AND  
4 PHILANTHROPIC LOVE FOR PEOPLE. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
5 OF DR. PATRICK O'CONNER WHO PASSED AWAY AFTER A LONG ILLNESS.  
6 HE WAS THE FORMER PROGRAM HEAD AT THE RIO HONDO MENTAL HEALTH  
7 CENTER. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR GUIDING AN OUTSTANDING DOOR-  
8 TO-DOOR MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE WHICH HE CREATED AND BECAME A  
9 NATIONAL AUTHORITY ON IN THE IMPACTED NEIGHBORHOODS FOLLOWING  
10 THE CERRITOS AIR DISASTER OF 1986 AT WHICH TIME I WAS MAYOR OF  
11 CERRITOS. DR. O'CONNER WAS SORT OF GOT MY WIFE AND I THROUGH  
12 THAT PARTICULAR MOMENT, LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE. HE WAS A  
13 VERY KIND, CONSIDERATE, SUPPORTIVE LEADER WHO RESPECTED OTHERS  
14 EQUALLY. ANYONE WHO HAD MET HIM OR HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF  
15 WORKING WITH HIM WAS BETTER FOR THE EXPERIENCE. HE WILL BE  
16 GREATLY MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
17 OF MARYJO HUNTSINGER. LONGTIME RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH. SHE  
18 WORKED AT CAL STATE UNIVERSITY OF LONG BEACH FOR 20 YEARS  
19 BEFORE SHE RETIRED. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND AND GOOD  
20 FRIEND, JACK, THEIR THREE SONS, AND EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN AND  
21 FIVE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. SHE WILL BE DEARLY MISSED BY ALL WHO  
22 KNEW HER. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF NICK KRAUS, A  
23 PROFESSIONAL PERCUSSIONIST AND MUSIC DIRECTOR WHO PASSED AWAY  
24 FROM INJURIES HE ATTAINED IN A CAR ACCIDENT. HE WAS ONLY 31  
25 YEARS OLD. HE ALSO PERFORMED WITH THE GOLDEN STATE POPS, THE

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1 CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL ORCHESTRA, ORANGE COUNTY SYMPHONY MANY JAZZ  
2 AND SALSA BANDS. HE WAS ALSO KNOWN ON CAMPUS AS "PAPA KRAUS."  
3 THEY REALLY APPRECIATED HIS WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT. HE  
4 IMPACTED NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS. GOT THEM INVOLVED WITH THE  
5 ARTS. HE WAS A RESPECTED AND INFLUENTIAL YOUNG MAN WHO TOUCHED  
6 COUNTLESS LIVES WHO WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS  
7 CONTAGIOUS SMILE, KINDNESS, AND BIG HEART. SURVIVED BY HIS MOM  
8 AND DAD AND SISTER. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CATHERINE  
9 LAMBIE WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AT THE AGE OF 98. SHE GREW UP  
10 IN WILSHIRE DISTRICT BUT LIVED IN SAN PEDRO FOR ALMOST 70  
11 YEARS. SHE WORKED AS AN ADMINISTRATOR FOR SEVERAL RETIREMENT  
12 CONVALESCENT HOMES FOR OVER 20 YEARS. SHE VOLUNTEERED HER TIME  
13 AT THE DENTAL CLINIC, MARY, STAR OF THE SEA RECTORY, AND THE  
14 LOS ANGELES MARITIME MUSEUM, AND THE SAN PEDRO COMMUNITY  
15 HOSPITAL. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER CLAUDIA, SIX  
16 GRANDCHILDREN AND 11 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. SHE WILL BE TRULY  
17 MISSED. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF IRENE MARKOWSKI WHO  
18 PASSED AWAY AT THE YOUNG AGE 62. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER  
19 HUSBAND RICH, SON, STANLEY. SHE WILL BE TRULY MISSED BY FAMILY  
20 AND FRIENDS AND ALL WHO KNEW HER. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
21 MEMORY OF ALFRED NATHANIEL PARKS JUNIOR WHO PASSED AWAY  
22 RECENTLY IN TEXAS. LONGTIME RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
23 SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN JAMES, STEVE, PATRICIA AND MELANIE,  
24 10 GRANDCHILDREN, FIVE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. AND WILL BE MISSED  
25 BY ALL WHO KNEW AND LOVED HIM. DON RHODES, LONGTIME FRIEND,

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1 PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY AT HIS LAKEWOOD HOME, DOING WHAT HE LOVED  
2 MOST AND THAT WAS WORKING IN HIS GARDEN. HE WAS VERY INVOLVED  
3 IN LOCAL POLITICS AND VERY ACTIVE WITH THE MARCH OF DIMES. HE  
4 TRAVELED ALL OVER THE WORLD SHARING HIS KNOWLEDGE OF BEHAVIOR-  
5 BASED SAFETY AFTER A MISSION TO THE FORMER SOVIET UNION IN  
6 1991, HE WAS INVITED BACK, PROBABLY THE FIRST AMERICAN TO TOUR  
7 THE SITE AT CHERNOBYL. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JOY,  
8 DAUGHTER SUSAN, MARGARET AND SON JERRY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN  
9 IN MEMORY OF JEFFREY SHROUT WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE YOUNG AGE  
10 OF 50 AFTER COURAGEOUS BATTLE WITH CANCER. HE IS BEST  
11 REMEMBERED AS LOVING AND SUPPORTING HUSBAND, FATHER AND SON.  
12 HE WAS PART OF OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR  
13 22 YEARS. HIS DEDICATION TO BEING IN A POSITIVE FORCE TO  
14 OTHERS GARNERED HIM A WELL-DESERVED COMMENDATIONS AND  
15 RECOGNITION IN THE FIELD OF DUTY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE  
16 JENNIFER, DAUGHTERS JESSICA AND REBECCA, FATHER, MOTHER AND  
17 HIS BROTHER. SO THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, SO ORDERED. WE HAVE  
18 A SET ITEM. ITEM S-1. IT IS AN UPDATE FROM OUR CHIEF PROBATION  
19 OFFICER.

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21 **JERRY POWERS:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE  
22 BOARD. JERRY POWERS, YOUR CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER. I'M JOINED  
23 BY OUR PARTNERS WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, MENTAL HEALTH,  
24 SAP.C., PUBLIC HEALTH AND C.C.J.C.C. EACH OF US WILL BE  
25 PROVIDING YOU A SOMEWHAT BRIEF UPDATE ON THE A.B.109 PROGRAM.

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1 I WILL BEGIN THE PRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF THE PROBATION  
2 DEPARTMENT. AND CERTAINLY AT ANY POINT IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS,  
3 FEEL FREE TO STOP ME DURING THE COURSE OF MY PRESENTATION.  
4 OKAY. NEXT SLIDE, REAVER. AS YOU CAN SEE AND AS WE REPORTED  
5 THE LAST SEVERAL REPORT-OUTS, OUR POPULATION HAS STABILIZED IN  
6 THE A.B.109 PROGRAM. IT ROUGHLY 8,810 AVERAGE CASELOAD PER  
7 MONTH. YOU CAN SEE THE HIGH WAS JUST OVER 9,100 FAIRLY EARLY  
8 IN THE PROGRAM. I WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT STARTING NEXT MONTH  
9 YOU WILL SEE THOSE NUMBERS AROUND 8,000 TO BEGIN TO DECREASE.  
10 WE WILL BE HITTING THE THREE-YEAR MARK ON THE A.B.109 PROGRAM.  
11 AND THREE YEARS IS THE MAXIMUM TERM OF SUPERVISION FOR  
12 INDIVIDUALS UNDER THIS PROGRAM. SO YOU WILL SEE A STEEPER  
13 DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF OFFENDERS DISCHARGING BECAUSE OF  
14 THAT MAXIMUM TERM THAT THEY'VE RECEIVED. THIS IS A BREAKDOWN  
15 OF OUR A.B.109 POPULATION. UP CAN SEE THAT SINCE THE  
16 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM, LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS RECEIVED  
17 APPROXIMATELY 24,400 OFFENDERS RELEASED TO THE COUNTY. AS I DO  
18 EACH PRESENTATION, THOSE OFFENDERS WERE RELEASED FROM THE  
19 STATE PRISON SYSTEM, THE VAST MAJORITY TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
20 THEY'RE NOT NEW OFFENDERS TO THE COUNTY IN THAT THEY WERE  
21 SENTENCED FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND WERE DUE TO RETURN TO  
22 LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGARDLESS OF A.B.109. YOU CAN SEE THAT  
23 JUST OVER HALF OF THOSE OFFENDERS HAVE HAD THEIR CASES CLOSED  
24 AND WE'LL DIVE A LITTLE DEEPER INTO THOSE NUMBERS ON THE NEXT  
25 SLIDE, BUT YOU'LL SEE THAT WE HAVE RIGHT ABOUT 2,000 OFFENDERS



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1 IN WARRANT STATUS OUT OF THOSE 24,000 TOTAL THAT HAVE COME  
2 INTO THE COUNTY. WE HAVE AN ADDITIONAL ALMOST 1,200 WHO HAVE  
3 DEPORTATION WARRANTS. AND WHAT THAT MEANS IS THEY HAVE BEEN  
4 DEPORTED BACK TO THEIR HOME COUNTRY FROM THE STATE PRISON  
5 SYSTEM PRIOR TO COMING TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND AS A  
6 TECHNICAL OPERATION, WE ISSUE WARRANTS ON THOSE INDIVIDUALS TO  
7 ENSURE THAT IF THEY DO RETURN TO THE COUNTY, THAT WE MAINTAIN  
8 JURISDICTION UPON THEM. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THOSE INDIVIDUALS,  
9 THOSE 12,381 WHO HAVE BEEN TERMINATED, THIS GIVES YOU THE  
10 BREAKDOWN. APPROXIMATELY 7,700 HAVE BEEN TERMINATED  
11 SUCCESSFULLY. ALMOST 3,300 HAVE BEEN TERMINATED DUE TO A NEW  
12 CRIMINAL CONVICTION. AND THEN WE HAVE ABOUT 1,400 THAT HAVE  
13 BEEN TERMINATED DUE TO OTHER REASONS SUCH AS TRANSFERRING TO  
14 ANOTHER JURISDICTION, ANOTHER STATE, SOME DUE TO THEY'RE  
15 DECEASED AND OTHER VARIOUS REASONS. HERE'S A SLIDE ON THE  
16 ACTIVE WARRANTS. YOU CAN SEE THAT OVER ABOUT THE LAST SIX  
17 MONTHS OR SO, THE NUMBER OF WARRANTS FROM THE SYSTEM HAS  
18 PLATEAUED. ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO, I CAN'T SPEAK FOR THE  
19 SHERIFF, BUT I KNOW THERE WAS AN EMPHASIS ON THE WARRANT  
20 ABSCONDER POPULATION TO TRY AND KEEP ON TOP OF THAT VERSUS THE  
21 COMPLIANCE OPERATIONS THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WAS DOING.  
22 I THINK YOU'RE SEEING THE RESULTS OF THAT. AND THAT FOR THE  
23 FIRST 18 TO 24 MONTHS OF THIS PROGRAM, OUR WARRANT GRAPH SHOWS  
24 A STEADY INCREASE, A STEEP INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF  
25 INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE IN ABSCONDER STATUS. WHAT YOU'RE SEEING

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1 NOW IS THAT THAT HAS PLATEAUED AND THAT WE'RE CATCHING AS MANY  
2 AS WE'RE LOSING, FRANKLY, IS WHAT THIS GRAPH IS SHOWING YOU.  
3 THE NEXT SLIDE SHOWS YOU THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED  
4 WHO HAVE BEEN RELEASED TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. ESSENTIALLY 36  
5 PERCENT HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AT LEAST ONCE FOR A MISDEMEANOR OR  
6 FELONY AND 64 PERCENT HAVE NOT SUSTAINED AN ARREST. I WANT TO  
7 BE CAREFUL WHEN I GIVE YOU THAT DATA TO EXPLAIN IT. SOME OF  
8 THOSE INDIVIDUALS IN THAT FIRST GROUP, THE RED BOX, WERE  
9 ARRESTED MULTIPLE TIMES, SOME 6, 7, 8 TIMES OR MORE. AND WHEN  
10 WE TALK ABOUT ARRESTS, THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE FLASH  
11 INCARCERATION TERMS AND THINGS LIKE THAT. THOSE DO NOT MEET  
12 THE DEFINITION OF ARREST. SO THAT BROWN BOX WOULD INCLUDE SOME  
13 WHO, IN FACT, HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO CUSTODY FOR INCARCERATION  
14 TERMS FOR FLASH TERMS. THE NEXT THREE SLIDES I WANT TO SPEND A  
15 LITTLE BIT OF TIME LAYING THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE THREE  
16 RECIDIVISM RATES THAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA,  
17 WHEN I FIRST GOT HERE AND WE FIRST STARTED THIS PROGRAM, YOU  
18 EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO BE ABLE TO SEE COHORTS, IN OTHER WORDS,  
19 HOW THE FIRST GUYS WHO GOT HERE WERE DOING VERSUS THE  
20 INDIVIDUALS THAT JUST GOT HERE THIS YEAR TO SEE CHANGE OVER  
21 TIME. ESSENTIALLY THIS IS WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO SHOW YOU HERE  
22 WITH THE RECIDIVISM DATA. NOW, THIS FIRST RATE THAT YOU'RE  
23 LOOKING AT IS PROBABLY THE CLOSEST THAT WE CAN GET TO THE  
24 STATE'S RECIDIVISM DATA FOR THIS SAME POPULATION WITH ONE  
25 MINOR WRINKLE. AS MOST INDIVIDUALS KNOW OR MOST FOLKS WHO

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1 FOLLOW THIS, THE STATE HAD REPORTED APPROXIMATELY A RECIDIVISM  
2 RATE FOR INDIVIDUALS RELEASED FROM STATE PRISON. YOU CAN SEE  
3 THAT THE GROUP THAT WAS RELEASED IN OCTOBER OF 2011, THE FIRST  
4 MONTH WE'RE TRACKING A RECIDIVISM RATE OF ABOUT 62 PERCENT  
5 WHICH IS A LITTLE BIT UNDER THE STATE'S 70 PERCENT. WE'RE NOT  
6 THREE YEARS OUT YET. THAT WON'T HAPPEN UNTIL NEXT MONTH. BUT  
7 YOU CAN SEE THAT THAT GRAPH IS STAYING PRETTY STEADY AROUND  
8 59, 60, 61, 62 PERCENT FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE RELEASED  
9 IN THE FIRST 8 TO 10 MONTHS OF THE PROGRAM. THE WRINKLE, THE  
10 REASON THAT I'M RELUCTANT TO COMPARE THIS TO THE STATE'S DATA  
11 IS THAT THIS INCLUDES ALL RETURNS TO CUSTODY. IN OTHER WORDS,  
12 NEW ARRESTS, REVOCATIONS BUT ALSO FLASH INCARCERATION TERMS  
13 WHICH THE STATE'S DATA DID NOT INCLUDE FLASH INCARCERATION  
14 TERMS BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE THAT ABILITY TO PUT SOMEBODY IN  
15 FOR FLASH INCARCERATION. SO OUR NUMBERS MIGHT BE A LITTLE  
16 HIGHER BECAUSE OF THE AMOUNT OF FLASH TERMS THAT WE DO. I  
17 WOULD BE VERY CAREFUL NOT TO DRAW ANY CONCLUSIONS BECAUSE  
18 WE'RE NOT AT THREE YEARS YET. AND CERTAINLY WHEN WE HIT THREE  
19 YEARS NEXT MONTH, THAT WILL SIMPLY MEAN THAT FIRST GROUP THAT  
20 WAS RELEASED IN OCTOBER WOULD HAVE HIT THREE YEARS NOT THE  
21 REST OF THIS GROUP. YOU CAN SEE THAT THE GRAPH IS FAIRLY  
22 CONSISTENT IN THAT WHAT YOU WOULD EXPECT OF THE INDIVIDUALS  
23 WHO WERE RELEASED IN JULY OF THIS YEAR HAVE THE LOWEST  
24 RECIDIVISM RATE BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN OUT THE LEAST AMOUNT OF  
25 TIME. AS YOU GET OUT FOR A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME, YOU WILL SEE

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1 MORE FLASH TERMS, MORE REVOCATIONS AND MORE ARRESTS. NEXT  
2 PLEASE. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS SLIDE AND THE NEXT SLIDE  
3 THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE FLASH INCARCERATION TERMS. SO WE EXCLUDE  
4 THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ONLY GOT FLASH INCARCERATION TERMS BUT  
5 IT DOES INCLUDE ARRESTS AND REVOCATIONS. NOW MOST INDIVIDUALS,  
6 THIS IS CLOSER TO WHAT THE STATE WOULD HAVE, YES. NOW, MOST  
7 INDIVIDUALS WHO GET A REVOCATION, FRANKLY, WOULD HAVE BEEN  
8 FLASHED MULTIPLE TIMES. IT'S RARE FOR SOMEBODY TO GET A  
9 STRAIGHT REVOCATION THE FIRST TIME UNLESS IT WAS BASED ON A  
10 NEW CRIMINAL ARREST THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY DECIDED TO  
11 HANDLE FROM A REVOCATION VERSUS A NEW PROSECUTION. SO THIS IS  
12 A LITTLE CLOSER TO WHAT THE STATE'S LOOKING AT. AND AGAIN I  
13 WOULD BE VERY CAUTIOUS ABOUT COMPARING APPLES TO ORANGES AT  
14 THIS POINT. I DON'T KNOW THAT WE HAVE APPLES AND APPLES RIGHT  
15 NOW. NEXT SLIDE IS FOR CONVICTIONS ONLY. AND WHAT WE'VE DONE  
16 IS WE'VE GIVEN YOU THREE DIFFERENT RECIDIVISM MEASURES HERE.  
17 ALL THREE OF THESE MEASURES HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED NOT ONLY IN  
18 LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUT AT THE STATE LEVEL FOR ADOPTION  
19 PURPOSES AS TO ONE STANDARDIZED. MY SENSE THE THAT YOU'RE MORE  
20 LIKELY TO SEE THAT SECOND RECIDIVISM MEASURE OR SOMETHING  
21 CLOSE TO THAT THAN YOU THIS ONE OR THE FIRST SLIDE THAT  
22 INCLUDES THE FLASH TERMS. NOW OBVIOUSLY IF WE JUST LOOK AT  
23 CONVICTIONS AND WE DON'T LOOK AT REVOCATIONS, WE DON'T LOOK AT  
24 FLASH TERMS, YOU'RE GOING TO SEE A MUCH LOWER RECIDIVISM RATE.  
25 SO I JUST SHOW YOU THESE THREE SLIDES AS A WAY TO COMPARE AND

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1 SHOW YOU HOW RECIDIVISM CAN BE MEASURED DIFFERENTLY ON THE  
2 SAME POPULATION. IT'S A VERY DIFFICULT TERM BUT I THINK IT'S  
3 IMPORTANT FOR US TO UNDERSTAND THE DISTINCTION WHEN WE DO TALK  
4 ABOUT THIS POPULATION. IF THERE'S A TAKE-AWAY FROM THIS DATA,  
5 FROM THIS INITIAL DATA, I'D SAY THAT I'M CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC  
6 THAT OUR DATA IS NOT HIGHER THAN WHAT THE STATE SHOWED IN THAT  
7 POPULATION. I THINK I CAN FAIRLY COMFORTABLY SAY THAT I DON'T  
8 BELIEVE WE'RE GOING TO BE ANY HIGHER THAN WHAT THE STATE DID  
9 WITH THE SAME POPULATION. AND I THINK THERE'S A FAIR CHANCE  
10 THAT WE'LL BE LOWER. AND THAT'S ABOUT AS DEFINITIVE AS I CAN  
11 GIVE YOU AT THIS POINT.

12

13 **SUP MOLINA:** (INAUDIBLE) OR IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE DEBATING NOW?

14

15 **JERRY POWERS:** WELL THE STATE HAS TASKED THE BOARD OF STATE AND  
16 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS TO COME UP WITH A STATEWIDE DEFINITION  
17 OF RECIDIVISM AND THEY'VE BEEN HOLDING MEETINGS AROUND THE  
18 STATE AND THERE'S BEEN SOME VERY LIVELY DISCUSSION ABOUT WHAT  
19 THAT SHOULD INCLUDE. MY SENSE IS THAT WE'RE PROBABLY GOING TO  
20 SEE SOMETHING THAT'S CLOSER TO THAT SECOND SLIDE THAT WON'T  
21 INCLUDE FLASH TERMS BUT WILL INCLUDE REVOCATIONS AND ARRESTS  
22 AND THAT PART OF IT. WE HAD A QUESTION AT OUR LAST  
23 PRESENTATION ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE ABSCONDERS WITH  
24 RESPECT TO THEIR COUNTY BENEFITS AND THEIR STATE BENEFITS FROM  
25 SOCIAL SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH, TREATMENT AND THOSE KIND OF

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1 THINGS SO WE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT SORT OF AN OUTLINE OF WHAT  
2 HAPPENS. AND IN A NUTSHELL, WHEN SOMEBODY ABSCONDS AND GOES  
3 INTO WARRANT STATUS, WE SHARE THAT INFORMATION WITH D.P.S.S.,  
4 WE SHARE IT WITH D.M.H., WITH SAPC. TO LET THEM KNOW THAT THAT  
5 INDIVIDUAL IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE TO US FOR SUPERVISION AND  
6 HAS ABSCONDED. WE ARE ALLOWED TO SHARE THAT INFORMATION. AND  
7 D.P.S.S. IS ALLOWED TO USE THAT INFORMATION TO SUSPEND CERTAIN  
8 SERVICES. YOU SEE IN BULLET NO. 3 THAT THEY BECOME INELIGIBLE  
9 FOR CALWORKS, GENERAL RELIEF AND CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND  
10 THE CALFRESH PROGRAM, BUT MEDI-CAL IS NOT SUSPENDED ON THOSE  
11 INDIVIDUALS. LIKE I SAID, WE SHARE THAT INFORMATION WITH ALL  
12 OF OUR PARTNERS WITH RESPECT TO THE TREATMENT PROVIDERS, WE  
13 SHARE THAT INFORMATION WITH THEM. IF SOMEBODY'S IN WARRANT  
14 STATUS AND CONTINUED TO GO TO TREATMENT, THEY WILL STILL BE  
15 ELIGIBLE FOR TREATMENT SERVICES. BECAUSE OF SOME HIPAA ISSUES  
16 AND PRIVACY ISSUES, WE DON'T NECESSARILY GET ALL OF THE  
17 INFORMATION AS TO WHERE THIS INDIVIDUAL'S LOCATION IS SO THAT  
18 WE CAN GO PICK HIM UP ON THE WARRANT. WE'RE WORKING WITH AND  
19 MARK AND I HAVE HAD THIS DISCUSSION, WE'RE WORKING AT THE  
20 COUNTY LEVEL ON SOME WAYS TO REQUEST, TO LEGALLY REQUEST THE  
21 INFORMATION BACK SO THAT WE CAN GO AND FIND THE INDIVIDUAL AND  
22 RETURN THEM TO CUSTODY.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN I ASK A QUESTION ON THAT ITEM? DOES THE  
2   DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO INFORM  
3   THE PERSON RECEIVING TREATMENT THAT HE HAS A DUTY AND A  
4   RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT BACK? YOU CAN'T GIVE THEM PRIVACY  
5   INFORMATION AND I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT DO YOU NOT HAVE A DUTY  
6   TO TELL THEM THAT THEY HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT BACK.  
7   NOT THAT YOU'RE GOING TO DENY THEM THE SERVICES. I DON'T WANT  
8   YOU TO DO THAT.

9

10   **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** SUPERVISOR, MARV SOUTHARD, DIRECTOR OF MENTAL  
11   HEALTH. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YES, THAT WOULD BE A PART OF THE  
12   SESSION THAT WOULD BE HELD WITH THE INDIVIDUAL TO INFORM THEM  
13   OF THEIR SITUATION INCLUDING THE LEGAL RAMIFICATIONS OF THAT  
14   SITUATION. THAT KIND OF DISCUSSION WOULD BE A ROUTINE PART OF  
15   A COUNSELING INTERVENTION.

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17   **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT WHAT I GUESS I'M SAYING IS DO YOU TRACK ANY  
18   OF THAT AS TO WHETHER THEY GO BACK OR NOT? I MEAN IT SEEMS AS  
19   THOUGH IF THIS PERSON WHO'S AN ABSCONDER NOW AND HE'S GETTING  
20   MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT AND YOU HAVE THE DATA. LET'S SAY HE  
21   GOES OUT AND COMMITS A TERRIBLE, TERRIBLE CRIME AND WE KNOW  
22   HE'S BEEN GETTING SERVICES AND HE'S SOMEBODY WHO ABSCONDED  
23   FROM RESPONSIBILITY HE HAD TO PROVIDE IT, WHERE DOES OUR DUTY  
24   LIE? I MEAN IF THERE IS A LAWSUIT, IF THERE IS LIABILITY  
25   THERE, WHERE DOES OUR DUTY LIE?



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2 **JERRY POWERS:** OUR DUTY TO WARN COMES IN TO PLAY, SUPERVISOR,  
3 WHEN THEY MAKE A THREAT TO THE THERAPIST ABOUT --

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT I'M TALKING ABOUT THE  
6 LARGER COUNTY DUTY. LET'S SAY HE COMMITS A CRIME, A HORRIBLE  
7 CRIME IN PASADENA, IN THAT CITY OR SOMETHING. SO DO WE HAVE A  
8 DUTY? I MEAN HERE YOU'VE BEEN PROVIDING -- SOMEBODY'S GOING TO  
9 LOOK THIS UP AND SAY HE'S BEEN RECEIVING COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH  
10 SERVICES AND PROBATION DIDN'T KNOW WHERE HE WAS AND THEY HAD  
11 NO ACCESS TO HIM. THAT'S A DIFFICULT SITUATION BUT HAS THAT  
12 BEEN PRESENTED TO COUNTY COUNSEL IN SOME MANNER TO LOOK AT THE  
13 LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY AND THE LEGAL RAMIFICATIONS? JUST BECAUSE  
14 OF HIPAA DO WE NOT HAVE A DUTY NOW?

15

16 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** SUPERVISOR, I THINK THE CONFIDENTIALITY WOULD  
17 BLOCK US FROM INFORMING THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT UNLESS THERE  
18 WERE A CLEAR THREAT TO ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL, IN WHICH CASE IT IS  
19 OUR DUTY TO WARN COMES INTO PLAY.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT I'M JUST SAYING BUT DOES THAT -  
22 - HAVE WE LOOKED AT THE LIABILITY OF THAT ISSUE? I UNDERSTAND  
23 THE CONFIDENTIALITY.

24

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1   **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH  
2   THE DEPARTMENTS TO TRY TO IDENTIFY MANNERS IN WHICH WE CAN  
3   ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION REGARDING THE  
4   WHEREABOUTS OF A.B.109 POPULATION. HOWEVER, DR. SOUTHARD IS  
5   RIGHT, HIPAA IS A GREAT IMPEDIMENT TO OUR ABILITY TO PROVIDE  
6   EVEN BASIC INFORMATION TO PROBATION.

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8   **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW THAT. AGAIN, I'M IN PASADENA. THIS PERSON  
9   KILLED MY CHILD. I SUE THE COUNTY. IS THERE LIABILITY?

10

11   **RICHARD WEISS:** THAT WOULD LARGELY DEPEND UPON THE FACTS.  
12   SITUATION.

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14   **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU KNEW WHERE HE WAS. AND HE WAS GETTING  
15   TREATMENT AND HE WASN'T REPORTING ACCORDING TO THE RULES. I'M  
16   SAYING WE'RE ONE COUNTY, RIGHT?

17

18   **RICHARD WEISS:** RIGHT. WHETHER OR NOT THAT WOULD CREATE  
19   LIABILITY WOULD DEPEND ON THE FACTS. AND THE MERE FACT THAT HE  
20   WAS RECEIVING TREATMENT AND WE DIDN'T KNOW WHERE HE WAS IN AND  
21   OF ITSELF WOULD NOT CREATE LIABILITY ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY.

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23   **SUP. MOLINA:** EVEN THOUGH WE HAD A DUTY TO KNOW WHERE HE WAS?

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1   **RICHARD WEISS:** I DON'T KNOW THAT I WOULD CHARACTERIZE IT AS  
2   HAVING A DUTY. THEY DO PROVIDE ADDRESS INFORMATION. BUT D.M.H.  
3   AND D.P.H. ARE NOT ALLOWED TO SHARE THAT INFORMATION WITH  
4   PROBATION. PROBATION ATTEMPTS TO KEEP TRACK AND GOES TO LAST  
5   ADDRESS. BUT IN THE EVENT THAT THEY CANNOT IDENTIFY THE  
6   LOCATION OF THE ABSCONDER, D.M.H. IS NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE EVEN  
7   THE BASIC ADDRESS INFORMATION. WHETHER -- I DO NOT BELIEVE  
8   THAT WOULD CREATE LIABILITY ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY BECAUSE  
9   THE COUNTY IS PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW FROM SHOWING THAT  
10   INFORMATION. THERE MAY BE OTHER FACTS IN THE SITUATION THAT  
11   WOULD LEAD TO A LIABILITY EXPOSURE BUT THAT WOULD DEPEND UPON  
12   THE FACTS OF THE CASE.

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14   **JERRY POWERS:** SUPERVISOR, THERE HAVE BEEN OCCURRENCES WHEN  
15   PROBATION OR THE SHERIFF OR ANOTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY HAS  
16   TAKEN INDIVIDUALS INTO CUSTODY AT TREATMENT PROGRAMS. THAT  
17   PRESENTS ISSUES IN AND OF ITSELF IN THAT WE DON'T WANT  
18   INDIVIDUALS TO BE RELUCTANT TO GO TO THEIR TREATMENT PROGRAMS.

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20   **SUP. MOLINA:** AND I APPRECIATE THAT, YES.

21

22   **JERRY POWERS:** SO IT'S A FINE LINE. IF WE KNEW THAT THERE WAS  
23   AN ABSCONDER OUT THERE WHO WAS PRESENTING FOR MENTAL HEALTH  
24   TREATMENT OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING OR SOMETHING LIKE  
25   THAT, AND WE HAD NO IDEA WHERE THEY WERE OTHER THAN IN THAT

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1 LOCATION, THAT'S THE LOCATION WE WOULD GO TO GET THEM. I DON'T  
2 KNOW HOW ELSE TO SAY THAT. IF THEY WERE AWARE THAT THEY WERE  
3 COMING, THEN THAT'S THE LOCATION WE SHOULD GO TO GET THEM, TO  
4 BRING THEM BACK INTO CUSTODY AND JURISDICTION.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** I APPRECIATE THAT. I GUESS I'M SAYING TALKING  
7 ABOUT THE LARGER ISSUE OF ACCOUNTABILITY. IF IN FACT BECAUSE  
8 WE ARE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THESE FOLKS. AND I'M JUST SAYING IF  
9 THEY GO OUT AND COMMIT A CRIME, OUR DUTY IS TO AT LEAST MAKE  
10 SURE THAT WHILE THEY WERE WITHIN OUR JURISDICTION WE HAD SOME  
11 CONTROL. IF THEY ABSCONDED, THEN YOU FIND THE DEPARTMENT IS  
12 PROVIDING THEM G.R., SUBSTANCE ABUSE, MENTAL HEALTH, ALL OF  
13 THOSE SERVICES. I'M JUST WONDERING ABOUT THAT. NOW, I DO HOPE,  
14 WE HAVE LOOKED INTO IT. I KNOW THE PRIVACY ISSUE THERE, BUT I  
15 JUST WONDER ABOUT THE LIABILITY ISSUE BECAUSE THE EXPECTATION  
16 WOULD BE DIFFERENT ONCE THAT CRIME HAS BEEN COMMITTED, AND IF  
17 IT'S A HORRIBLE CRIME, A MURDER OR SOME SORT THAT'S WHAT  
18 YOU'RE GOING TO SEE. I AM ASKING WHETHER YOU HAVE AT LEAST  
19 TAKEN THE TIME TO LOOK AT THIS.

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21 **JERRY POWERS:** IT'S A GOOD QUESTION. AND I CAN CHECK TO SEE --  
22 I SUSPECT IF THERE ISN'T ALREADY, THERE WILL BE A CASE THAT IS  
23 SIMILAR TO THAT SOMEWHERE. AND WE'LL LEARN WHAT EXACTLY THE  
24 LIABILITY IS PROBABLY ON THE FRONT PAGES OF THE LOCAL PAPER.  
25 OUR NEW A.B.109 OFFICE LOCATIONS, AS YOU RECALL AT THE

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1 BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, WE WORKED WITH C.E.O. REAL ESTATE TO  
2 EXPEDITE THE LOCATION, THE SIGHTING AND OPENING OF A.B.109  
3 LOCATIONS. YOU CAN SEE THESE ARE OUR NEW OFFICES THAT WE HAVE  
4 OPENED. THE NEXT SLIDE WILL SHOW YOU THERE IS ANOTHER OFFICE  
5 TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MONTH. AND THEN WE ARE STILL  
6 LOOKING FOR TWO OFFICES IN THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND THE  
7 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY REGIONAL OFFICE. SO WRAPPING UP QUICKLY,  
8 OUR STAFFING UPDATE, WE'VE BEEN TRACKING THIS AND REPORTING  
9 BACK TO YOU REGULARLY ON IT. I HAVE GOOD NEWS IN THAT SINCE  
10 THE FIRST OF THE YEAR, WE HAVE GRADUATED 139 INDIVIDUALS FROM  
11 OUR PROBATION ACADEMY. AND WE HAVE GOT THAT, I TALKED TO YOU  
12 PREVIOUSLY ABOUT PRIMING THE PUMP FOR HIRING. WE GOT THE PUMP  
13 PRIMED. WE ARE BRINGING QUALIFIED CANDIDATES THROUGH THE  
14 HIRING PROCESS. WE JUST GRADUATED ANOTHER CLASS LAST THURSDAY.  
15 WE HAD 29 FEMALES AND 15 MALES IN THE CLASS. IT'S A VERY  
16 DIVERSE CLASS. AND WE'RE CLOSE TO FILLING ALL THE VACANT  
17 POSITIONS. FRANKLY, WE'RE NOT GOING TO FILL ALL THOSE  
18 POSITIONS. THERE IS A LITTLE BIT OF A BUDGET GAP THERE IN THAT  
19 WE'RE GOING TO KEEP 18 POSITIONS VACANT BECAUSE OF COLA ISSUES  
20 AND SOME OF THE STATE FUNDING. AND I DON'T KNOW IF WE WILL  
21 COMPLETELY FILL THOSE REMAINING ONES. THE NEXT SLIDE WILL GIVE  
22 YOU AN IDEA OF WHERE WE'RE AT FROM A CASELOAD SUPERVISION  
23 RATIOS. FRANKLY, WE'RE RIGHT WHERE WE NEED TO BE. WE'RE AT  
24 52:1 ON OUR GENERAL SUPERVISION. YOU CAN SEE OUR SPECIALIZED  
25 CASELOADS GO ANYWHERE FROM 15 TO 1 TO 34 TO 1 DEPENDING UPON

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1 WHAT THE CASELOAD IS SUPERVISING. THE G.P.S. HAS GOTTEN A  
2 SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF ATTENTION FROM YOUR BOARDS AND THIS  
3 DEPARTMENT AND WE HAVE THOSE CASE LOADS DOWN TO 17:1. SO WE'RE  
4 ABOUT WHERE WE NEED TO BE.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** DOES THAT INCLUDE ABSCONDERS?

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8 **JERRY POWERS:** THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE ABSCONDERS. REAL QUICKLY  
9 ON THE STAFFING. JUST A LITTLE -- AS WE HIT THE THREE-YEAR  
10 POINT AND THE POPULATION STARTS TO DECREASE, ONE OF THE  
11 LEGISLATIVE UPDATES THAT I'LL HAVE FOR YOU OR THAT I'LL GIVE  
12 TO YOU IS THAT AS OF JANUARY 1ST, THE ISSUE OF SPLIT SENTENCES  
13 WILL BECOME A LITTLE BIT MORE SIGNIFICANT DISCUSSION POINT IN  
14 OUR COURTS IN THAT THE STATE IS REQUIRING THAT THE SPLIT  
15 SENTENCE BE A PRESUMPTIVE PART OF A PRISON SENTENCE FOR  
16 OFFENDERS. WHEREAS PREVIOUSLY IT WAS OPTIONAL. THIS IS A  
17 PRESUMPTIVE. IT REQUIRES THE COURT TO STATE ON THE RECORD THAT  
18 IT WOULD NOT BE IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE TO HAVE THE  
19 INDIVIDUAL SUPERVISED. SO IT'S A LITTLE HIGHER THRESHOLD FOR  
20 THE COURT TO NOT IMPLEMENT A SPLIT SENTENCE. MY SENSE IS THAT  
21 CURRENTLY IN L.A. COUNTY IT'S ABOUT FIVE PERCENT OF THOSE  
22 SENTENCES THAT GET SPLIT SENTENCES. WE GET ABOUT 700 SENTENCES  
23 A MONTH THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SPLIT SENTENCING THAT MEANS  
24 ABOUT 35 INDIVIDUALS A MONTH ARE GETTING A SPLIT SENTENCE. WE  
25 WILL START LOSING SOMEWHERE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF ABOUT 150

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1 OR SO OFF THE 18,000 THAT WE HAVE. AND SO I ANTICIPATE WITH  
2 RESPECT TO STAFFING THAT AS THOSE SPLIT SENTENCES INCREASE  
3 BECAUSE OF THE CHANGE IN THE LAW, THAT THAT WILL MITIGATE THE  
4 THREE-YEAR TERMINATIONS THAT WE'RE GOING TO SEE. SO I SUSPECT  
5 THAT WE'LL SEE THAT NUMBER IS NOT GOING TO DROP, THE OVERALL  
6 POPULATION NUMBER IS NOT GOING TO STOP. SO WITH RESPECT TO  
7 STAFFING WE'RE GOING TO TRY AND GLIDE INTO THIS AT A KIND OF A  
8 SLOW AND GENTLE RATE SO THAT WE DON'T END UP OVER HIRING OR  
9 HAVING TOO MANY PERSONNEL IN THIS PROGRAM. AND WITH THE  
10 ADDITIONAL HIRING THAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO, WE WILL NOW  
11 BEGIN TO GO BACKFILL BEHIND IN THOSE UNITS THAT WE ESSENTIALLY  
12 STOLE FROM TO STAFF A.B.109, THE JUVENILE PROGRAMS THAT WE  
13 PULLED STAFF OUT OF. AND THOSE OTHER PROGRAMS. SO THERE IS  
14 GOOD NEWS ON THE HORIZON FOR OUR STAFFING. I WILL NOW TURN IT  
15 OVER TO DR. SOUTHARD TO GIVE A MENTAL HEALTH REPORT.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BEFORE YOU DO THAT, JERRY, JUST A  
18 QUESTION. YOU KNOW, WE'RE HEARING RUMBLES THAT THE STATE MAY  
19 HAVE SOME REVENUE ISSUES OR POTENTIAL REVENUE PROBLEMS UP  
20 THERE AND THAT THEY MAY BE DISCUSSING BACKTRACKING ON THEIR  
21 PLEDGE TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR A.B.109 MONEY IS GUARANTEED. HAVE  
22 YOU HEARD ANYTHING ON THAT? CAN YOU GIVE US AN UPDATE OR ANY  
23 INPUT ON THAT?

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1    **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** LET ME SPEAK TO THAT BECAUSE I'VE BEEN SITTING  
2    ON THE COMMITTEE THAT DEALS WITH THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS. WHEN  
3    THIS PROGRAM FIRST WAS PRESENTED TO US -- AND THIS IS  
4    SOMETHING I KNOW I SHARED WITH MOST OF THE OFFICE. THERE WAS A  
5    STATEMENT THAT SPOKE TO THE GUARANTEE OF FUNDS. WITHIN THE  
6    LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS, THAT STATEMENT BECAME NOT A GUARANTEE  
7    OF THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS BUT THE FUNDING SOURCE, IT'S A  
8    COMBINATION OF V.L.F. AND SALES TAX. BECAUSE V.L.F. AND SALES  
9    TAX REVENUE TOTALS TEND TO FLUCTUATE. THAT NUMBER WILL CHANGE  
10   WITH THE AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT COMES THROUGH IN THOSE TWO  
11   CATEGORIES. BUT THE GUARANTEE AND AT ONE MEETING, THE REVENUE  
12   ALLOCATION COMMITTEE MEETING, I RAISED A PRETTY STRONG CONCERN  
13   THAT THAT WAS -- THEY WEREN'T BEING TRUTHFUL. BECAUSE WE WERE  
14   GUARANTEED WHAT I BELIEVE WAS A LEVEL OF FUNDING, NOT THE  
15   SOURCE OF FUNDING. WHAT WE WERE ABLE TO DO --

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17   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE SOURCE WAS NOT THE DISCUSSION. IT  
18   WAS THE LEVEL.

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20   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT WAS THE LEVEL. IT WAS ABSOLUTELY THE LEVEL  
21   AND I RAISED IT VERY STRONGLY. WHAT WE WERE ABLE TO DO IS THAT  
22   L.A. COUNTY IS THE ONLY COUNTY THAT'S GETTING A GUARANTEED  
23   CARVEOUT FROM THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT COMES FROM THOSE TWO  
24   REVENUE SOURCES. AND THAT'S WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN ON A GO-  
25   FORWARD BASIS. NOW THERE'S A BASE FORMULA, AND THEN THERE IS

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1 GROWTH. NOW WITH GROWTH, THE STATE IS DEVELOPING SOME  
2 PERFORMANCE FACTORS THAT WILL DETERMINE HOW MUCH REVENUE A  
3 COUNTY GETS. I FEEL THAT BECAUSE OF THE WAY WHAT WE'RE DOING  
4 SOME OF OUR PROGRAMS THAT ARE OUT THERE THROUGH OUR PROBATION  
5 DEPARTMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH THAT WE SHOULD  
6 DO WELL WITH THOSE PERFORMANCE FACTORS BECAUSE THE POPULATION  
7 WE HAVE, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WE SERVE. AT LEAST WE WERE ABLE  
8 TO GET A CARVEOUT. BUT THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ISSUE IS WHAT I  
9 STARTED WITH. IT WAS OUR BELIEF WAS GUARANTEED FUNDING, NOT  
10 GUARANTEED SOURCE OF FUNDING. AND THAT WAS VERY DISCONCERTING.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO WE KNOW IT'S ON THE HORIZON. WE HAVE  
13 TO KEEP OUR EYES AND EARS OPEN, MARV?

14

15 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE ARE WATCHING IT. I THINK RIGHT NOW THERE  
16 WAS DIFFERENT FUNDING AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE AMOUNT OF MONEY  
17 COMING THROUGH THOSE REVENUE SOURCES BUT ON THE GO FORWARD  
18 BASIS, THIS SHOULD BE FINE ESPECIALLY GIVE THE PERFORMANCE  
19 FACTORS THAT I FEEL WE'LL QUALIFY FOR.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MARV?

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23 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** MARV SOUTHARD, DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH.  
24 THIS SLIDE UPDATES THE CUMULATIVE DATA FOR REFERRALS TO MENTAL  
25 HEALTH. I THINK TWO INTERESTING THINGS ON THIS SLIDE ARE THAT

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1 THE NUMBER OF MENTAL HEALTH ONLY REFERRALS IS 1/6 THE NUMBER  
2 OF CO-OCCURRING DISORDER REFERRALS. SO THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE  
3 WHO COME INTO MENTAL HEALTH CARE ALSO REQUIRE A SUBSTANCE  
4 ABUSE TREATMENT AS A PART OF THEIR RECOVERY PROCESS. AND THE  
5 OTHER THING I WOULD DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO IS THE RECIDIVISM  
6 RATE FOR THOSE WHO ARE COMPLIANT WITH TREATMENT IS RELATIVELY  
7 LOW COMPARED TO THE GENERAL RECIDIVISM RATE. NEXT SLIDE. THE  
8 UPDATES, WE HAVE EXPANDED -- ONE OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES WE  
9 HAVE ARE THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO REQUIRE INTENSIVE RESIDENTIAL  
10 TREATMENTS. WE'RE HOPING THAT THE REFORM FOR DRUG MEDICAID  
11 WILL GIVE US THAT ADDITIONAL RESOURCE ULTIMATELY, BUT THERE  
12 ARE MANY STEPS BEFORE THAT CAN TAKE PLACE. SO WE'VE ADDED 60  
13 BEDS IN ORDER TO MEET THE NEEDS AS WE SEE THEM. WE'VE ALSO  
14 EXPANDED THE CAPACITY FOR OUR NETWORK OF A.B.109 COMMUNITY  
15 AGENCY PROVIDERS SO THAT THEY CAN EXPAND THE NUMBERS THAT THEY  
16 SEE ON AN OUTPATIENT BASIS. AND WE'RE ALSO TRYING TO IMPROVE  
17 THE QUALITY OF THE CARE THAT'S BEING PROVIDED. SO WE'RE  
18 PROVIDING TRAINING TO THOSE COMMUNITY AGENCY PROVIDERS ON THE  
19 BEST PRACTICES FOR DEALING WITH THE CRIMINAL FACTORS OF AN  
20 INDIVIDUAL'S BEHAVIOR AS WELL AS THE MENTAL HEALTH FACTORS.  
21 AND WE'RE PROVIDING TRAINING TO THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT ON  
22 MENTAL HEALTH 101 INTRODUCTION TO MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES SO THAT  
23 THEY ARE BETTER PREPARED TO DEAL WITH THAT. WE'VE ALSO  
24 INCREASED OUR JAIL IN REACH ACTIVITIES AS A WAY OF PREPARING  
25 INDIVIDUALS WHO WILL BE RELEASED UNDER A.B.109 FOR A

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1 SUCCESSFUL CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNITY AND WITH TREATMENT  
2 UPON THEIR RELEASE. THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES THAT WE'RE FACING  
3 RIGHT NOW ARE THAT WE STILL HAVE SOME DIFFICULTY IN GETTING  
4 NOTIFICATION OF EARLY RELEASES FOR DIFFICULT CASES. WE DON'T  
5 NEED EARLY IDENTIFICATION FOR EVERY CASE BUT FOR DIFFICULT  
6 CASES WHERE AN EARLY RELEASE TAKES PLACE, WE GET THEM MORE  
7 USUALLY THAN WE USED TO BUT WHEN WE DON'T, PROBLEMS OCCUR.  
8 SECOND CHALLENGE IS THE GENERAL ONE THAT I THINK FACES OVERALL  
9 FOR OUR PREVENTION OF RECIDIVISM AND SERVICES IS THE HOUSING  
10 FOR INDIVIDUALS AS THEY ARE RELEASED BECAUSE AS WE -- EVEN  
11 MORE THAN TREATMENT, PROBABLY SUCCESSFUL HOUSING PREVENTS  
12 RECIDIVISM. AND THEN WE HAVE SOME DIFFICULTY WITH INDIVIDUALS  
13 WHO HAVE COMPLEX MEDICAL NEEDS AS WELL AS CO-OCCURRING MENTAL  
14 HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES AND FINDING A PLACE THAT IS  
15 THE RIGHT PLACE FOR THEM TO BE TREATED. THANK YOU.

16

17 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, CYNTHIA HARDING  
18 THE INTERIM DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
19 I'M HERE WITH HOLLY MCGRVY FROM OUR SUBSTANCE ABUSE CONTROL  
20 PROGRAM. THIS SLIDE IN FRONT OF YOU GIVES YOU A SUMMARY OF THE  
21 CONTACTS FROM OCTOBER, 2011 THROUGH JULY 31ST, 2014 IN OUR  
22 COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT SERVICE CENTERS. AND OF APPROXIMATELY  
23 15,000 CONTACTS, ABOUT 59 PERCENT WERE ASSESSED POSITIVE FOR  
24 SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS. OF THOSE, 7,922 RESULTED IN  
25 REFERRALS TO TREATMENT. 29 PERCENT WERE ASSESSED NEGATIVE FOR

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1 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER. 8 PERCENT WERE ASSESSED NOT SUITABLE.  
2 AND THAT MEANS THEY EITHER CAME FROM ANOTHER COUNTY OR THEY  
3 PERHAPS HAD CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS, SO WE REFERRED THEM BACK  
4 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. AND 4 PERCENT DECLINED  
5 EITHER THE REFERRAL OR THE ASSESSMENT. THE NEXT SLIDE WE GIVE  
6 THE SUMMARY OF THE TREATMENT ADMISSIONS AND DISCHARGES. THERE  
7 WERE 4714 ADMISSIONS THAT REPRESENTS A LITTLE MORE THAN 3,000  
8 CLIENTS AND YOU CAN SEE MANY CLIENTS HAVE MULTIPLE ADMISSIONS.  
9 AS OF JULY 31ST, 763 WERE CURRENTLY IN TREATMENT. THERE WERE  
10 ALMOST 4,000 TREATMENT DISCHARGES. AND OF THOSE, A LITTLE LESS  
11 THAN 50 PERCENT RESULTED IN POSITIVE TREATMENT COMPLIANCE  
12 WHICH IS DEFINED AS THE DISCHARGE WHERE THE CLIENT WAS MET OR  
13 WAS MEETING THEIR TREATMENT PLANS OR GOALS AND A LITTLE OVER  
14 50 PERCENT WITH NEGATIVE TREATMENT COMPLIANCE WHICH IS DEFINED  
15 AS A DISCHARGE WHERE THE CLIENT LEFT THE TREATMENT WITH  
16 UNSATISFACTORY PROGRESS. WE'VE BEEN DOING A NUMBER OF THINGS  
17 IN ORDER TO IMPROVE ENGAGEMENT AND RETENTION IN TREATMENT. WE  
18 HAVE ADDED RESIDENTIAL MEDICAL DETOXIFICATION SERVICES TO OUR  
19 EXISTING SERVICE CONTINUUM. AND AS OF APRIL 1ST OF 2014, 99  
20 CLIENTS HAVE UTILIZED ACCESSED THOSE SERVICES. ALONG WITH  
21 MENTAL HEALTH, WE'VE COLLOCATED ONE OF OUR COMMUNITY  
22 ASSESSMENT SERVICE CENTERS AT THE COUNTY JAIL, THE COMMUNITY  
23 RE-ENTRY AND RESOURCE CENTER AND THAT ALLOWS US TO HAVE A  
24 PRESENCE AT THE JAIL TO DO SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER, ASSESSMENT  
25 AND TO LINK CLIENTS INTO TREATMENT FROM THE JAIL AND TO OTHER

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1    ANCILLARY SERVICES AS NEEDED. SIMILAR TO MENTAL HEALTH, WE'VE  
2    BEEN PROVIDING TRAINING TO OUR NETWORK OF A.B.109 SUBSTANCE  
3    USE PROVIDERS SO THAT THEY CAN BETTER SERVE THE CRIMINAL  
4    JUSTICE POPULATION. AND LASTLY WE'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN A PILOT  
5    TO LOOK AT OUR CURRENT PROCESSES FOR ASSESSING AND REFERRING  
6    CLIENTS INTO TREATMENT TO LOOK AT THE BARRIERS THAT CLIENTS  
7    MAY FACE AND WHAT WE CAN DO TO IMPROVE THAT. THIS PILOT HAS  
8    BEEN GOING ON FOR A WHILE AND WE HAVE JUST COMPLETED IN JULY  
9    OUR FOCUS GROUPS WITH PROVIDERS. BY OCTOBER WE SHOULD HAVE THE  
10   DATA FROM FOCUS GROUPS WITH CLIENTS. AND WE WILL USE THAT TO  
11   IMPROVE OUR ABILITY TO GET FOLKS INTO TREATMENT THEN TO RETAIN  
12   THEM IN TREATMENT, AS WELL. THANK YOU.

13

14   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. NEXT?

15

16   **SPEAKER:** HELLO?

17

18   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THERE WE GO.

19

20   **JEFF PERI:** JEFF PERI WITH THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
21   DEPARTMENT. I WORK AT THE COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES  
22   BUREAU WHICH MANAGES THE PATROL COMPLIANCE TEAM. WE ARE TO GO  
23   OVER THE ACTIVITY OF OUR PAROLE COMPLIANCE TEAM IN OUR EFFORTS  
24   TO LOCATE AND APPREHEND ABSCONDERS. ON THE FIRST SLIDE YOU  
25   YOU'LL SEE ON THE LEFT TABLE IS A BREAKDOWN THE ACTIVE

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1 WARRANTS WITHIN L.A. COUNTY AND WHAT WE HAVE DONE IS BROKEN  
2 THEM OUT INTO JURISDICTIONS. EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE OVERALL  
3 RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY, THE ACTIVE WARRANTS  
4 WITHIN L.S.D. AREAS THAT INCLUDES THE CONTRACT CITIES AND THE  
5 THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS IS ABOUT 272. ACTIVE WARRANTS WITHIN  
6 OTHER AGENCIES WHICH WOULD BE YOUR INDEPENDENT CITIES WITH  
7 THEIR OWN POLICE DEPARTMENTS, ABOUT 300, 297. THE L.A.P.D.  
8 ACTIVE WARRANTS AND THEN THE ACTIVE WARRANTS OF TRANSIENT AND  
9 UNKNOWN ADDRESSES. THOSE ARE ABSCONDERS THAT WE DON'T KNOW  
10 WHERE THEY LIVE AND THE ADDRESSES THEY INITIALLY GAVE WHEN  
11 THEY CAME OUT OF PRISON WERE NO GOOD. AND THEN OUT OF COUNTY  
12 WARRANTS ARE PEOPLE THAT WE KNOW THAT ARE OUT OF THE COUNTY.  
13 MAYBE EVEN OUT OF STATE. THOSE ARE WHAT WE CONSIDER OUR  
14 WORKABLE WARRANTS. AND THEN UNDERNEATH WE TALK ABOUT OUR KNOWN  
15 DEPORTED WARRANTS AND WARRANTS THAT DENIED EXTRADITION. WHAT'S  
16 INTERESTING ABOUT SOME OF OUR ABSCONDERS WHICH BROUGHT UP SOME  
17 OF THE CONVERSATIONS THAT MR. POWERS TALKED ABOUT WAS IT'S  
18 BEEN ABOUT 2,800 IF YOU ADD UP ALL THOSE NUMBERS OF E.S.P.ERS  
19 THAT HAVE GONE TO WARRANT HAVE REPEATED. MOST OF THEM JUST  
20 ONCE. BUT AS YOU CAN SEE, SEVERAL UP INTO THE 5, 6, 7 AND ONE  
21 WITH EVEN 8 TIMES HAS HAD A WARRANT ISSUED FOR HIM. NEXT  
22 SLIDE? NEXT SLIDE IS RECAP OF THE ACTIVITY OF OUR PAROLE  
23 COMPLIANCE TEAMS WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IT'S BROKEN  
24 DOWN BY OVERALL P.S.P. ARRESTS SINCE INCEPTION IN NOVEMBER OF  
25 '11. BELOW THAT OUR ARRESTS OF P.S.P. PALS THOSE ARE THE



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1   ABSCONDERS. AND SO ON AS YOU CAN SEE OTHER ARRESTS, PAROLEE  
2   ARRESTS AND FIREARMS SEIZED. OUR NUMBER OF COMPLIANCE CHECKS  
3   THAT WE'VE CONDUCTED AND THEN OUR EFFORTS OF WHEN PROBATION  
4   ASKS US TO DO A NO SHOW LOCATION CHECKS AND ADDRESS  
5   VERIFICATIONS.

6

7   **JERRY POWERS:** WE'D BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS  
8   YOU MAY HAVE.

9

10   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS AT THIS  
11   PARTICULAR POINT? MIKE?

12

13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST I WANT THE THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
14   LEADERSHIP AND ONCE AGAIN TO POINT OUT THE FAILURES THAT RE-  
15   ALIGNMENT HAS HAD ON EVERY CITY AND COUNTY IN THIS STATE. AND  
16   ONE OF THE FAILURES OF SACRAMENTO, THE GOVERNOR AND THE STATE  
17   LEGISLATURE FOR CREATING A SYSTEM THAT IS HAVING SEVERE IMPACT  
18   ECONOMICALLY BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY CREATING FUTURE VICTIMS OF  
19   CRIME AND THE VICTIMS ARE ALWAYS THE LAST ONE TO BE HEARD  
20   FROM. THOSE WHO COMMIT THE CRIMES ALWAYS AT THE HEAD OF THE  
21   FOOD CHAIN LINE. BUT WHAT IS INTERESTING IS WE ARE SPENDING SO  
22   MUCH TIME AND MONEY ON AN ISSUE THAT THE STATE HAS THE SOLE  
23   RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND OUGHT TO BE INVOLVED IN CORRECTING AND  
24   NOT DUMPING A PROBLEM ON THE BACKS OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. THE  
25   P.S.P. POPULATION INVOLVES A LOT OF REPEAT OFFENDERS WHO KEEP

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1 CYCLING IN AND OUT OF THE SYSTEM WITH NO AMOUNT OF  
2 INTERVENTION OR PROGRAMS ARE GOING TO STOP, PERIOD. WE KNOW  
3 THAT DESPITE THE ARRAY OF SERVICES THEY ARE MANDATED TO  
4 RECEIVE AS PART OF THEIR TERMS AND CONDITIONS, ABOUT 32,000  
5 ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE INVOLVING THIS POPULATION, 32,000  
6 ARRESTS. I BELIEVE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT  
7 IS ABOUT 24,000 IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD. SO SOME ARE BEING  
8 ARRESTED, RE-ARRESTED A NUMBER OF TIMES NOT JUST ONE TIME. AS  
9 OF AUGUST 15TH, 32,000 ARRESTS EXCEEDED THE NUMBER OF P.S.P.S  
10 SHIFTED TO THE COUNTY BY 7,000 BECAUSE SOME OF THOSE ARE BEING  
11 ARRESTED 7 TO 8 TIMES. WITH RESPECT TO THE P.S.P.S WITH  
12 WARRANTS AS DISCUSSED IN YOUR SLIDE 10 AND 11 THIS MORNING, IT  
13 APPEARS THAT OUR AGENCIES, THE D.P.S.S., MENTAL HEALTH,  
14 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAVE GREAT CONTACT INFORMATION FOR  
15 THOSE WHO HAVE ABSCONDED WHILE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS  
16 SPENDING HUNDREDS OF MAN HOURS WHO OUGHT TO BE PATROLLING OUR  
17 NEIGHBORHOODS AND STREETS WITH TAXPAYERS' DOLLARS TRYING TO  
18 LOCATE THESE PEOPLE. AS OF LAST WEEK WHEN OUR STAFFS WERE  
19 BRIEFED, IT WAS UNCLEAR IF ANY OF THESE AGENCIES WERE LEGALLY  
20 PROHIBITED FROM COOPERATING WITH PROBATION BY PROVIDING  
21 ADDRESS INFORMATION EVEN THOUGH THESE SERVICES ARE RENDERED AS  
22 PART OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THEIR COMMUNITY  
23 SUPERVISION. AND THEY MAY RESTRICT THAT, SHARING OF MEDICAL  
24 INFORMATION WHICH INCLUDES IDENTIFYING THE NAME, ADDRESS AND  
25 DATE OF BIRTH. SO GLORIA MENTIONED THIS, AS WELL. HOW DOES IT

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1 APPLY WHERE IMPACT, THE LIABILITY? I KNOW THE COUNTY IS  
2 RESPONSIBLE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE DRUGGED, WHO GO OFF THE ROAD  
3 AND KILL THEMSELVES, WE ARE SUED EVEN THOUGH BECAUSE IT WAS  
4 OUR ROAD. EVEN THOUGH WE WERE NOT THE ONE WHO WERE INTOXICATED  
5 WHO COULD NOT DRIVE STRAIGHT IF WE COULD BECAUSE OF THE  
6 ALCOHOL, BUT WE'RE STILL GOING TO BE LIABLE BECAUSE OF DEEP  
7 POCKETS AND THE QUESTION I THINK WITH COUNTY COUNSEL DOES THE  
8 ISSUE OF DEEP POCKETS APPLY TO THIS POPULATION JUST AS WE ARE  
9 LIABLE FOR DEEP POCKETS IN SOME OF THE ACCIDENTS THAT OH  
10 CUSTOMER ON OUR HIGHWAYS?

11

12 **RICHARD WEISS:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, DEEP POCKETS DOES COME INTO  
13 PLAY IN TERMS OF ATTORNEYS TRYING TO IDENTIFY DEFENDANTS THAT  
14 HAVE RESOURCES AS I INDICATED EARLIER, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL  
15 HEALTH IN PROVIDING PSYCHOLOGICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IS  
16 UNDER SIGNIFICANT CONSTRAINTS IN PROVIDING EVEN THE SIMPLEST  
17 OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON PATIENTS THAT IT SERVES, THERE  
18 ARE SOME INSTANCES AND IT'S CALLED A SORT OF TARASOFF LAWS IN  
19 WHICH MENTAL HEALTH IS REQUIRED OR IS AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE  
20 INFORMATION TO WARN SOMEBODY WHEN A PATIENT MAKES AN  
21 IDENTIFIABLE THREAT AGAINST A KNOWN INDIVIDUAL. OTHER THAN  
22 THAT, AS I SAID, THERE COULD BE SOME INSTANCES IN WHICH  
23 LIABILITY COULD ARISE. BUT UNLIKE DANGEROUS CONDITION OF  
24 ROADS, EACH ONE OF THESE WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN UP ON A CASE  
25 BY CASE BASIS.

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1

2   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THIS IS WHERE THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND  
3   THE GOVERNOR FAILED IN INSURING THAT WHEN THEY HAVE DUMPED  
4   THIS PROBLEM ON THE BACKS OF THE COUNTIES, THAT THESE ISSUES  
5   WERE NOT THOUGHT OUT AND RESOLVED AT THE TIME THAT THE LAW WAS  
6   BEING IMPLEMENTED. IF WE COULD HAVE PERHAPS A LEGAL OPINION IN  
7   TWO WEEKS ON THE ABILITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
8   AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND D.P.S.S. TO SHARE CONTRACT INFORMATION  
9   WITH PROBATION WHERE THE OFFENDERS HAVE ABSCONDED AND WARRANTS  
10   ARE OUT THERE FOR THEIR ARREST. SEE WHAT THAT SAYS. RELATIVE  
11   TO SPLIT SENTENCES THAT WE HEAR ABOUT MANY TIMES UNDER PUBLIC  
12   COMMENT. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2015, THESE SPLIT SENTENCES WILL BE  
13   THE DEFAULT SETTING FOR THE NON-NON-NON SENTENCED TO COUNTY  
14   JAIL INSTEAD OF STATE PRISON. WHICH MEANS THAT THEIR CUSTODY  
15   TIME IS GOING TO CUT BEYOND 50 PERCENT. THEY NOW GET, UNDER  
16   THE STATE, FOR GOOD TIME AND WORK TIME. BASICALLY IF A PERSON  
17   RECEIVES A FOUR-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE, THEY'RE REQUIRED TO  
18   SERVE TWO YEARS IN CUSTODY NOW. UNDER SPLIT SENTENCING, THAT  
19   SENTENCE WILL BE SPLIT BETWEEN THE CUSTODY TIME AND COMMUNITY  
20   SUPERVISION, FURTHER REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT THE  
21   OFFENDERS SPEND IN JAIL. PROPONENTS OF SPLIT SENTENCES CONTEND  
22   THAT THIS POLICY REDUCES RECIDIVISM BECAUSE IT INCLUDES  
23   MANDATED TREATMENT SERVICES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS LIKE  
24   IT BECAUSE IT INCLUDES SEARCH AND SEIZURE TERMS TO HOLD  
25   OFFENDERS ACCOUNTABLE. HOWEVER, AS THE LAW CURRENTLY STANDS,

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1 IMPOSITION OF SPLIT SENTENCES WILL BE AUTOMATIC UNLESS CHANGED  
2 BY JUDGES ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS BUT NOT SEARCH AND SEIZURE  
3 AND TREATMENT SERVICES. THAT MEANS THAT UNLESS THE DISTRICT  
4 ATTORNEY AND DEFENSE ATTORNEYS INCLUDE THE TREATMENT SERVICES  
5 AND SEARCH AND SEIZURE TERMS AND THE JUDGES AGREE, THE  
6 OFFENDER GETS A GETS AN OUT OF JAIL FREE CARD JUST LIKE YOU  
7 GET IN MONOPOLY. PUBLIC SAFETY CONTINUES TO TAKE A BACK SEAT  
8 FOR STATE LAWMAKERS, VICTIMS OF CRIME CONTINUE TO TAKE A BACK  
9 SEAT TO LAWMAKERS, AND THE (INAUDIBLE) RELEASES GREATER  
10 RESPONSIBILITY ON OUR BOARD TO BE MINDFUL THAT IMPACTS THAT  
11 VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES BY INSURING PROPER IMPLEMENTATION  
12 OF THIS POLICY. CHIEF POWERS, TO THAT END, WILL THE PUBLIC  
13 SAFETY RE-ALIGNMENT TEAM ENSURE THAT WE ARE TRACKING THE  
14 RELEVANT DATA INVOLVING THOSE SPLIT SENTENCES INCLUDING  
15 RECIDIVISM RATES INCLUDE THAT DATA IN ALL FUTURE  
16 PRESENTATIONS?

17

18 **JERRY POWERS:** GREAT QUESTION, SUPERVISOR. I'VE ALREADY ASKED  
19 MY STAFF TO GO DO A RANDOM SAMPLE. BECAUSE WE'VE ALREADY HAD  
20 SPLIT SENTENCES GIVEN TO A SMALL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS IN L.A.  
21 COUNTY OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS. WE AVERAGE ABOUT 150 OR SO  
22 UNDER SUPERVISION EACH MONTH. SO I'VE ASKED MY STAFF TO GO DO  
23 TWO PARTS. NO. 1 IS TO PULL A RANDOM SAMPLE OF THOSE  
24 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CURRENTLY OR WHO HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED FROM  
25 A SPLIT SENTENCE AND ARE NO LONGER UNDER SUPERVISION AND GET

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1 US A RECIDIVISM NUMBER SO WE CAN COMPARE WITH THE BIG A.B.109  
2 POPULATION. AND SECONDLY I'VE ASKED MY STAFF TO DO THE SAME  
3 THING FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO DIDN'T GET ANY SPLIT SENTENCE,  
4 WHO JUST DID THEIR TIME IN JAIL AND WALKED OUT OF JAIL. SO  
5 THAT WE CAN SEE IF THERE'S A DIFFERENCE. FRANKLY, IF  
6 INDIVIDUALS WHO DON'T GET A SPLIT SENTENCE AND WALK OUT OF  
7 JAIL REOFFEND AT THE SAME RATE THAT THOSE WHO DO GET A SPLIT  
8 SENTENCE AND WE OFFER TREATMENT TO, THEN MAYBE WE'RE NOT  
9 SPENDING OUR MONEY IN THE BEST WAY WE SHOULD. CONVERSELY, IF  
10 INDIVIDUALS WHO GET THE SPLIT SENTENCE GET TREATMENT AND COME  
11 OUT AND HAVE BETTER OUTCOMES THAN THOSE WHO JUST SIMPLY GET  
12 JAIL TIME, I THINK THAT TELLS US THAT MAYBE WE ARE ON THE  
13 RIGHT PATH. SO I'VE ASKED MY STAFF TO LOOK AT THAT. I KNOW  
14 C.C.J.C.C. IS IN THE PROCESS OF I'M NOT SURE OF THE ACTUAL  
15 TERMINOLOGY BUT COMING UP WITH A MASTER AGREEMENT FOR RESEARCH  
16 SERVICES. AND I THINK THAT'S AN AREA THAT WOULD BE RIPE FOR  
17 ONE OF OUR ESTEEMED INSTITUTIONS TO GO AND TAKE A LOOK AT TO  
18 COMPARE THE POPULATIONS AND L.A. COUNTY BECAUSE OF OUR LOW  
19 SPLIT SENTENCE RATE IS A GREAT COUNTY TO GO AND LOOK AND SEE  
20 WHAT THE DIFFERENCES ARE.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'VE HAD RELATIVE TO G.P.S. AND ELECTRONIC  
23 MONITORING. WE'VE HAD FOUR SHERIFF INMATES ASSIGNED TO  
24 COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVES REMOVE THEIR G.P.S. DEVICES. ALL  
25 FOUR OF THESE WERE FEMALE FORMER INMATES. AND THEY WERE

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1 COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE NON'NON-NONS. WHICH MEANS REALLY  
2 NONSENSE. THE LATEST INCIDENT OCCURRED LAST WEEK AND WHAT IS  
3 MORE CONCERNING ABOUT THAT INCIDENT IS THAT THE TAMPERED DID  
4 NOT TRIGGER AN ALERT. NOW WE'VE HAD IN ORANGE COUNTY TWO  
5 SUSPECTS WEARING THIS DEVICE RAPING AND MURDERING FEMALES.  
6 SINCE THEN, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S REQUESTED THE  
7 CONTRACTOR TO EXAMINE ALL THE G.P.S. DEVICES USED BY THE  
8 INMATES WHICH RESULTED IN THE REPLACEMENT OF 24 OUT OF  
9 APPROXIMATELY 35 DEVICES WITH NEWER, UPGRADED DEVICES. I  
10 REMEMBER AFTER THE ORANGE COUNTY INCIDENT, WE ASKED YOU THE  
11 CONTRACTOR THAT HAS THE COUNTY CONTRACT FOR G.P.S., IS THAT  
12 THE SAME CONTRACTOR THAT ORANGE COUNTY HAD THAT FAILED? AND I  
13 HAVE FORGOTTEN THE RESPONSE THAT WE RECEIVED FROM YOU. BUT DO  
14 YOU KNOW OF ANY TAMPERING WITH A G.P.S. DEVICE THAT DID NOT  
15 TRIGGER AN ALERT LAST WEEK?

16

17 **JERRY POWERS:** YES. WHEN WE REPORTED BACK, WE WERE USING,  
18 ORANGE COUNTY WAS USING THE SAME VENDOR THAT WE USE.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THE VENDOR'S RECORD IS CONSISTENT, STILL  
21 FAILURES.

22

23 **JERRY POWERS:** YES. AND WE'VE NOTICED -- WE'RE DOING 100  
24 PERCENT COMPLIANCE CHECK ON THE VENDOR'S EQUIPMENT NOW. WE'RE  
25 IN A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN WITH A VENDOR. AND WE'VE HAD



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1 DISCUSSIONS PREVIOUSLY ABOUT WHERE WE ARE WITH THAT. AND WE  
2 FILE QUARTERLY REPORTS WITH YOUR BOARD ON THAT. WE STILL HAVE  
3 CONCERNS OVER THE QUALITY OF THE EQUIPMENT AND THE QUALITY OF  
4 THE SERVICES THAT WE'RE RECEIVING. AS DOES THE SHERIFF  
5 OBVIOUSLY. SO WE ARE WORKING THROUGH THAT PROCESS.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY DON'T WE TERMINATE THE CONTRACT AND PUT  
8 OUT A NEW R.F.P. AND GET A VENDOR THAT DOES NOT HAVE THE  
9 FAILED POLICIES THAT APPARENTLY THE ONES WE CURRENTLY HAVE AND  
10 ORANGE COUNTY HAD THE SAME VENDOR.

11

12 **JERRY POWERS:** WE ARE GOING TO DO AN R.F.P., SUPERVISOR. WE'RE  
13 ACTUALLY IN THAT PROCESS NOW. WE'RE TESTING MANY VENDORS'  
14 EQUIPMENT TO SEE WHAT'S OUT THERE, SEE THE TYPES OF EQUIPMENT  
15 AVAILABLE SO THAT WHEN WE PUT TOGETHER THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR  
16 THAT R.F.P., WE KNOW WHAT'S AVAILABLE TO US. SO WE ARE GOING  
17 THROUGH THAT PROCESS, SUPERVISOR.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BECAUSE PEOPLE HAVE DIED AND BEEN VICTIMIZED  
20 BY PEOPLE WEARING THE G.P.S., HOW DO YOU SHORTEN THAT TIME  
21 FRAME TO GET THE CONTRACTS OUT IN THE MARKETPLACE TO FIND THE  
22 R.F.P. SO THAT WE CAN GET A VENDOR AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE?

23

24 **JERRY POWERS:** SHORT OF SOLE SOURCING, SUPERVISOR, WE HAVE TO  
25 WORK OUR INTERNAL PROCESS WITH RESPECT TO OUR CURRENT VENDOR.

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1 AND CONCURRENTLY WE'RE WORKING THROUGH COMING UP WITH A  
2 COMPREHENSIVE R.F.P. THAT DOESN'T GIVE US ANY LOOPHOLES OR  
3 GIVE VENDORS LOOPHOLES TO NOT PROVIDE US THE BEST EQUIPMENT  
4 THAT THEY CAN.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CAN'T YOU USE AS A BENCHMARK WHAT IS THE  
7 PREVIOUS RECORD OF THE VENDOR AND THEIR CONTRACTS AND MAL  
8 FUNCTIONING OF THEIR EQUIPMENT? OR DO ALL OF THEM HAVE  
9 MALFUNCTIONING EQUIPMENT?

10

11 **JERRY POWERS:** WELL, ALL OF THEM HAVE MALFUNCTIONING EQUIPMENT.  
12 THE QUESTION IS: WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THEIR EQUIPMENT  
13 MALFUNCTIONS? CERTAINLY IN THE SHERIFF'S DATA AND OUR DATA,  
14 SOMETHING 50 PERCENT OR GREATER IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE FAILURE  
15 RATE AND THAT'S CONCERNING. MANY VENDORS DON'T HAVE ANYWHERE  
16 NEAR THAT FAILURE RATE.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DID WE END UP WITH ONE THAT APPARENTLY  
19 HAS?

20

21 **JERRY POWERS:** THAT'S BEFORE MY TIME, SUPERVISOR, I'M NOT SURE  
22 HOW THAT HAPPENED.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DID THAT -- NOT NECESSARILY LOW BIDDER,  
25 WHO IS THE HIGH POWERED PEOPLE BEHIND GETTING THAT TO BYPASS A

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1 LOT OF THE INFORMATION THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO GET THE  
2 CONTRACT SIGNED?

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4 **JERRY POWERS:** I CAN'T SPEAK TO THAT, SUPERVISOR.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MAYBE YOU CAN LOOK INTO THAT, BILL. BECAUSE  
7 SOMEHOW THE INFORMATION -- (OFF MIC). THE VENDOR HAD PROBLEMS  
8 IN THE PAST. WE SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THEIR  
9 EQUIPMENT PRIOR TO OUR AWARDED A CONTRACT IS ALL I'M SAYING.  
10 HAVE YOU IDENTIFIED OTHER ISSUES AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS IN  
11 RESPONSE TO THESE ESCAPES OF THE FOUR FEMALES?

12

13 **JERRY POWERS:** THAT WOULD BE FOR THE SHERIFF TO ANSWER,  
14 SUPERVISOR.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE FOUR WALK-AWAYS?

17

18 **JERRY POWERS:** WELL I HAVE A BREAKDOWN. I HAVE THREE FEMALES  
19 AND ONE MALE. TWO ARE STILL OUTSTANDING, INCLUDING THE ONE  
20 FROM LAST WEEK. FULL INVESTIGATION INTO THAT LATEST INCIDENT  
21 IS UNDERWAY. AND ANY AND ALL CAUSAL AND CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS  
22 WILL BE ANALYZED.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CHIEF, ARE ALL THE G.P.S. DEVICES RELIED UPON  
25 BY PROBATION THE LATEST MODEL GIVEN THE SITUATION ARE THEY

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1 EXAMINED BY THE CONTRACTOR TO ENSURE THEY ARE THE LATEST MODEL  
2 WORKING PROPERLY?

3

4 **JERRY POWERS:** WELL, WE'RE NOT GOING TO ALLOW THE CONTRACTOR TO  
5 TELL US THAT. THE CONTRACTOR SAYS THAT THEY ARE. WE WILL NOT  
6 TAKE IT ON THEIR FACE VALUE OF BEING SO. THAT'S WHEN I  
7 REFERRED EARLIER TO THE 100 PERCENT COMPLIANCE CHECK. WE'RE  
8 GOING AND ACTUALLY PHYSICALLY CHECKING EACH AND EVERY UNIT  
9 THAT WE HAVE OUT THERE TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S WORKING AND THAT  
10 IT IS THE LATEST GENERATION EQUIPMENT.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, SIR.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANYBODY HAVE ANY FINAL COMMENTS? IF NOT,  
15 WE HAVE SOME SPEAKERS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS  
16 ITEM. THANK YOU ALL. JONATHAN BYRD, ROBERT LUCAS, SUE CLINE.  
17 AND CAMERON LYONS WILL BE THE FIRST FOUR? GO AHEAD. IDENTIFY  
18 YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD, PLEASE.

19

20 **ROBERT LUCAS:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS ROBERT  
21 LUCAS. YOU KNOW, I'M NECK DEEP IN THIS A.B.109 RIGHT NOW. I'M  
22 VERY GRATEFUL. MY CONCERN IS: SUPERVISOR MOLINA, FOR 15  
23 MINUTES, ASKED THREE PEOPLE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT I'M  
24 DOING AND TRYING TO GET THROUGH AND COULDN'T GET AN "I DON'T  
25 KNOW, I'LL CHECK INTO IT." SHE ASKED THE SAME QUESTION SEVEN

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1 TIMES. I HEARD A LOT OF MALARKEY PLAIN AND SIMPLE. IF YOU  
2 DON'T KNOW AN ANSWER, SAY YOU DON'T KNOW. "I'LL CHECK INTO IT.  
3 I'LL HAVE A CONCERN. YOU'RE RIGHT. THAT'S A PROBLEM." THESE  
4 ARE THE PEOPLE WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR ME BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR  
5 MYSELF GOING FORWARD. I'M A PART OF THAT WEST L.A. NEW OFFICE.  
6 REMARKABLE PLACE. REMARKABLE AREA. THE PEOPLE IN THERE ARE  
7 VERY GRATEFUL THAT THEY HAVE A JOB. I CAN TELL YOU THAT. THIS  
8 MONITORING THING THAT JUST CAME UP, AT THE HOUSE THAT I'M AT,  
9 THEY TOOK A WOMAN BACK TO JAIL THAT HAD 10 DAYS LEFT BECAUSE  
10 THEY THOUGHT SHE TAMPERED WITH IT. 10 DAYS FROM BEING FREE.  
11 AND THEY TOOK HER BACK TO JAIL. I DON'T KNOW THE  
12 CIRCUMSTANCES, I'M JUST SAYING. YOU ASKED THE SAME QUESTION TO  
13 HIM, AND IT TOOK HIM A MINUTE BEFORE HE FINALLY SAID "YOU'RE  
14 GOING TO HAVE TO ASK THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT." "WAIT A  
15 MINUTE. THAT WAS BEFORE MY TIME." HOW ABOUT "I DON'T KNOW.  
16 I'LL CHECK INTO IT. MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE LOOKED AT IT. WHEN I  
17 STARTED THIS JOB AT THE CONCERN AHEAD OF TIME." PLEASE.  
18 THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE'S LIVES AT STAKE IN A ROUGH AREA. AND  
19 THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT I'M ENTRUSTED TO. I'M GRATEFUL THAT  
20 THEY'RE THERE. AFTER LISTENING TO THIS, I HAVE A CONCERN.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

23

24 **CAMERON LYONS:** CAMERON LYONS. GOOD MORNING, MR. KNABE AND MR.  
25 ANTONOVICH AND MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS. IT AMAZED ME HOW THE

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1 DIRECTOR OF PROBATION, A.B.109 JUST LEFT WITH HIS ASSISTANT  
2 AND DIDN'T CARE WHAT THE PUBLIC COMMENT WAS ON WHAT HE SAID OR  
3 ANYTHING.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HE CAN HEAR THE PUBLIC COMMENT IN THE  
6 BACK.

7

8 **CAMERON LYONS:** HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN HERE TO LISTEN.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HE CAN HEAR THE PUBLIC COMMENT IN THE  
11 BACK.

12

13 **CAMERON LYONS:** I'M ON A.B.109. I'M OUT OF IN THE CENTINELLA  
14 OFFICE. THEY DO NOT HAVE HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE THAT ARE  
15 HOMELESS. THAT'S WHY A LOT OF CATS ARE ABSCONDING. THEY DO NOT  
16 HAVE EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE THERE. THE OTHER ISSUE IS THERE'S  
17 NO -- THERE WERE ISSUES WITH POWER WITHIN PROBATION BY THE  
18 PROBATION OFFICERS. THEY CAME INTO A HOME OF SOMEONE THAT'S  
19 NOT ON PROBATION AND CONFISCATED PERSONAL PROPERTY OF SOMEONE  
20 NOT ON PROBATION AND A COMPUTER OF 14-YEAR-OLD OF A GUY THAT  
21 WAS ON PROBATION WHICH WAS I, IN THE MONTH OF MAY, THE LAST  
22 MONTH BEFORE SCHOOL OR HER ASSIGNMENTS WAS ON THE COMPUTER.  
23 LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO MR. POWERS, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND  
24 ASSISTANT AND NONE OF THEM HAS BEEN RESPONDED TO SINCE APRIL  
25 OR MAY REGARDING ANY OF THE ISSUES. I PERSONALLY HANDED HIM

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1 THE LETTERS FROM MS. WORTHAM TO GET A RESPONSE. PHONE CALLS  
2 BEEN MADE TO HIS OFFICE AND STILL NO RESPONSE. IT TOOK THEM  
3 OVER 45 DAYS TO RETURN AN A.D.A. HANDICAP APPLIANCE THAT WAS  
4 CONFISCATED. I SAY HERE I LISTEN TO ALL THE STUFF THAT THEY  
5 SAID. YES, THEY SAT HERE TO APPEASE YOU. BUT THERE ARE OTHER  
6 ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED.

7

8 **JONATHAN BYRD:** I'M A PROBATION OFFICER FOR 22 YEARS. I'M ALSO  
9 TREASURER OF LOCAL 685. AND I'M ALSO A CONSTITUENT OF DISTRICT  
10 5. I WANT TO SAY FIRST OF ALL I BELIEVE THIS BOARD AS STATED  
11 BY MR. ANTONOVICH BELIEVES IN PUBLIC SAFETY. INCREASING PUBLIC  
12 SAFETY AND DECREASING LIABILITY TO THE COUNTY. I HEARD THE  
13 CHIEF TALK ABOUT THE HIRING PROCESS FOR A.B.109. I HEARD MR.  
14 ANTONOVICH TALK ABOUT THE INCREASED THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING  
15 WITH THE A.B.109 PEOPLE. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT I BELIEVE  
16 MORE PEOPLE WILL HELP TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SAFETY. IT'S BEEN  
17 THREE YEARS. OCTOBER 2011 THAT THIS BOARD AND THE C.E.O.'S  
18 OFFICE STATED THAT 363 RANK AND FILE MEMBERS SHOULD BE WORKING  
19 IN THE A.B.109 PROGRAM. EVERY A.B.109 REPORT WE HEAR THE  
20 FIGURE CONTINGENT. TODAY WE NOT ONLY HEARD THAT THERE ARE 65  
21 CONTINGENT OFFERS, BUT WE HEARD THAT 18 SPOTS WILL NOT EVEN BE  
22 FILLED. NOW EITHER HE'S INDICTING THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE OF NOT  
23 BEING FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE AND DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW TO  
24 CALCULATE THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS NEEDED TO RUN A PROGRAM OR HE  
25 HAS HIMSELF DECIDED THAT LESS PEOPLE CAN DO MORE WORK. THE



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1    HIRING PROCESS, I WANT TO STATE THIS, I WANT TO COMMEND THE  
2    SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I'M THE PROUD FATHER-IN-LAW OF A DEPUTY  
3    SHERIFF WHO GRADUATED SEPTEMBER THE 4TH IN THE GRADUATING  
4    CLASS 401. NOW I SAY THAT BECAUSE HE APPLIED TWO MONTHS  
5    EARLIER TO THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. BUT BY THE TIME HE GOT A  
6    RESPONSE FROM THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, HE WAS ALREADY IN THE  
7    ACADEMY FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. GRADUATED IN THE TOP 10  
8    OF THE CLASS. SO WHILE WE ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL SPOTS IS  
9    BECAUSE OF THE HIRING, ENHANCED HIRING STANDARDS THAT MAY BE  
10   CAUSING PROBLEMS FOR US. AND LASTLY I WOULD LIKE TO STATE THE  
11   RANK AND FILE WHICH THIS UNION REPRESENTS HAS LOST OVER 100  
12   PEOPLE A YEAR EVEN WITH THE NUMBERS THAT HE'S HIRING. SO THE  
13   ATTRITION RATES ARE MUCH HIGHER THAN THE HIRING RATES. AND  
14   THIS COMMUNITY WILL NOT BE SAFE IF YOU DON'T PUT PEOPLE IN  
15   PLACE. THANK YOU.

16

17   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT? THEN BEFORE YOU SPEAK, SUE, BEFORE  
18   YOU START, PERRY BERKOWITZ COME FORWARD? ARNOLD SACHS. ERIC  
19   PREVEN AND JOHN WALSH. ALL RIGHT, SUE.

20

21   **SUE CLINE:** SUE CLINE. I'M ALSO DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER AND  
22   I'M THE CHIEF STEWARD FOR AFSCME LOCAL 685. WHAT I SAW MISSING  
23   FROM THIS REPORT -- AND I THINK IT'S CRITICAL THAT WE KNOW  
24   THIS, AS SUPERVISOR MOLINA POINTED OUT FOR LIABILITY PURPOSES  
25   -- HOW MANY INNOCENT PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN

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1 IMPACTED BY A.B.109 ABSCONDERS AND OTHERS THAT WE DON'T TALK  
2 ABOUT? AND HOW MANY DECEASED A.B.109 P.S.P.S ARE THERE THAT  
3 THEY DIDN'T RECEIVE SERVICES BECAUSE THE CASELOADS WERE SO  
4 HIGH? AND, AGAIN, I DON'T WANT TO BE REPETITIVE ON THE 65  
5 CONTINGENT, BUT THAT'S JUST ONE AREA OF PROBATION. WHAT ABOUT  
6 THE OTHER 1,200 VACANT ITEMS THAT WE STILL HAVE? WE'RE STILL  
7 LOSING PEOPLE THROUGH ATTRITION. THE NUMBER THAT YOU GOT WAS  
8 THE PEOPLE WHO PROCESSED THROUGH THE ACADEMY ALL THE WAY. HOW  
9 MANY PEOPLE DID THEY ACTUALLY HIRE THAT DIDN'T MAKE IT? THOSE  
10 ARE THE THINGS I SEE MISSING.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **ERIC PREVEN:** ERIC PREVEN, COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. AND  
15 WITHOUT GETTING INTO THE POLITICS OF IT, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO  
16 PUSH BACK A LITTLE BIT AGAINST MAYOR ANTONOVICH'S SUGGESTION  
17 THAT THIS IS A STATE INITIATIVE A.B.109 THAT'S GROSSLY UNFAIR  
18 TO THE COUNTY. I WANT TO REMIND THAT WE ARE ALSO STATE  
19 RESIDENTS AND THAT THESE ARE COUNTY INDIVIDUALS WHO GET INTO  
20 TROUBLE AND GO TO STATE PRISON AND THEY DO COME BACK TO THE  
21 COUNTY, AS MR. POWERS SAID. SO FINDING CREDIBLE SOLUTIONS IS A  
22 MUCH BETTER SOLUTION THAN POINTING FINGERS, FOR STARTERS.  
23 REGARDING THE G.P.S. THAT YOU ALSO INQUIRED ABOUT, I THINK  
24 IT'S GOOD THAT YOU'RE FOCUSING ON IT. WE ALL REMEMBER THAT  
25 SENTINEL HAD A TERRIBLE TRACK RECORD IN ORANGE COUNTY WITH

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1 EYES WIDE OPEN THE FIVE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHO HAVE THE  
2 EXCLUSIVE POWER TO RATIFY THOSE KINDS OF DEALS WALKED DOWN THE  
3 ROAD WITH SENTINEL AGAIN. SO WE MADE THE BED NOW WE HAVE TO  
4 UNFORTUNATELY LIE IN IT NOW. HOW ARE THESE PROGRAMS WORKING?  
5 WHEN I HEARD THE COMPELLING DATA THAT THREE WOMEN AND ONE MAN  
6 HAVE TRIED TO CUT AND RUN, ONE OF THEM GOT AWAY, OF COURSE  
7 THAT'S VERY CONCERNING, BUT LET'S BE CLEAR THERE HAS NOT BEEN  
8 ANY EGREGIOUS CRIMES WHICH WE HAVE HEARD ABOUT WHICH WE ARE  
9 NOT LOOKING FOR BUT THAT'S SEX REGISTRATION DETAIL. THE NON-  
10 NON-NONS ARE NOT THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SEX OFFENDERS. SO IT'S  
11 KIND OF HYSTERIA WITH THAT. I DON'T THINK THAT IS APPROPRIATE.  
12 I THINK THIS IS A CREDIBLE TECHNOLOGY WHICH SAVES A FORTUNE IF  
13 IT'S DEPLOYED APPROPRIATELY. AND I LIKE THE IDEA OF FINDING  
14 PROGRAM THAT CAN WORK MORE EFFECTIVELY. AND DOING AN R.F.P. ON  
15 A HURRY-UP BASIS SHOULD BE LOOKED INTO. SOLE SOURCE IS NOT  
16 APPROPRIATE IN THIS KIND OF A CATEGORY, OBVIOUSLY. AND THE  
17 QUESTION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT FLASH INCARCERATION WORKS  
18 ANYWHERE REALLY IS A GOOD QUESTION. I DON'T KNOW. I THINK THAT  
19 WHAT WE REALLY WANT TO HEAR FROM IS OUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND  
20 THE PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE THAT DIVERSION FROM THE REPETITIVE  
21 PROGRAMS SPLIT SENTENCING WORKS, IS MY UNDERSTANDING. MY  
22 UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE NUMBERS, WE'RE GOING TO DO MORE  
23 TESTING AS WE CONSTANTLY DO BUT IT MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE.  
24 THEY DO SOME TIME IN JAIL AND THEN ON THE "B" SIDE THEY'RE OUT  
25 IN THE COMMUNITY GETTING STICKY WITH THE SERVICES THAT

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1 HOPEFULLY WE'RE REDEVELOPING RATHER THAN IDENTIFYING AS BEING  
2 62 PERCENT RECIDIVISM. WE WANT TO DO BETTER. I KNOW WE'RE ALL  
3 TRYING. BUT THAT'S MY INPUT.

4

5 **PERRY BERKOWITZ:** PERRY BERKOWITZ, L.A. COUNTY PROBATION  
6 DEPARTMENT, FINISHED MY 36TH YEAR IN FEBRUARY ALSO MEMBER OF  
7 THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR LOCAL 685. I WAS LISTENING TO WHAT THE  
8 CHIEF SAID AND HE WAS GIVING NUMBERS ABOUT CASELOADS AND FOR  
9 SOME REASON THEY DON'T JIVE WITH THE PEOPLE I SPEAK TO THAT  
10 ARE WORKING IN THE FIELD IN A.B.109 AND IN OTHER PLACES.  
11 PEOPLE ARE WORKING UNTIL 6 AND 7 AT NIGHT WITHOUT EVEN ASKING  
12 FOR OVERTIME TO GET THEIR WORK DONE BECAUSE WE ARE  
13 UNDERSTAFFED. THAT'S AN OBVIOUS PROBLEM AS CLINE MENTIONED,  
14 THE 1,200 PEOPLE WE COULD BE HIRING AND HE SEEMS TO HAVE THE  
15 STANDARDS THAT SAY IF IN 1973 YOU GOT ARRESTED FOR A D.U.I.  
16 AND HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING SINCE YOU'RE NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE A  
17 PROBATION OFFICER BUT YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE PRESIDENT OF THE  
18 UNITED STATES IF YOU ADMIT YOU SMOKE POT AND YOU ADMITTED  
19 YOU'VE DONE OTHER THINGS. I DON'T UNDERSTAND. OUR STANDARDS  
20 SEEM TO BE HIGHER THAN TO BE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.  
21 BUT PEOPLE, ALL THEY WANT AT THIS POINT, WE NEED TO HAVE  
22 PROPER STAFFING, PROPER TRAINING AND PROPER EQUIPMENT. AND  
23 JUST A LITTLE NOTE TO THE CHIEF. HE'S LOOKING FOR THE BEST OF  
24 THE BEST. HE ALREADY HAS THEM. WE HAVE SOME WONDERFUL PEOPLE  
25 WORKING IN OUR DEPARTMENT WHO DO WONDERFUL THINGS IN THE

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1 COMMUNITY AND IN OTHER PLACES, NOT JUST AS A PROBATION OFFICER  
2 BUT AS A PERSON. AND HE NEEDS TO RESPECT THE PEOPLE THAT HE  
3 HAS AND NOT BE LOOKING FOR OTHER PEOPLE TO DO THE JOBS THAT  
4 COME FROM OUT OF COUNTY. I THINK OUR DEPARTMENT WILL BE MUCH  
5 BETTER IF WE GET THE PROPER PERSON AT THE TOP WHO WOULD BE  
6 ABLE TO GET US THE RIGHT PEOPLE AND GET US OUR PROPER STAFFING  
7 SO THAT WE CAN GET THE JOB DONE, WHICH I KNOW WE CAN. THANK  
8 YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS?

11

12 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH. BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG OR  
13 JWALSH CONFIDENTIAL OR JUST TWEETING @HOLLYWOODDEMS. YOU KNOW,  
14 THE FIRST TIME I CAME HERE WAS 1985, SITTING AT THE SAME SEAT?  
15 NO CAMERAS IN THOSE DAYS. VERY FEW PEOPLE SHOWED UP. VERY  
16 SHORT SPEECHES UP HERE BECAUSE THERE WERE NO CAMERAS. FOR  
17 IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES, THIS IS JOHN WALSH OF ANYBODY BUT  
18 HUIZAR FOR CITY COUNCIL. I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT BACK THEN,  
19 EVERYTHING WAS FINE. WE HAD AN ALTAKAKA, GO LOOK UP WHAT  
20 ALTAKAKA MEANS. HE WAS AN OLD JEWISH GUY RUNNING THE SHERIFFS,  
21 ALMOST NO PROBLEMS. NOW FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS YOU COME UP WITH  
22 A FINAL SOLUTION, A FINAL SOLUTION, A FINAL SOLUTION, AND THEN  
23 TO TOP IT OFF, YOU COME UP TODAY WITH ANOTHER FINAL SOLUTION.  
24 YOU WILL HAVE ANOTHER SERIES OF FINAL SOLUTIONS TO THE JAIL  
25 PROBLEM, TO THE SHERIFF'S PROBLEM, NOT THE RANK AND FILE THEY

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1 DO A GOOD JOB BUT FOR THE CORRECT PEOPLE ON TOP. I DON'T THINK  
2 MR. MCDONNELL WILL BE THE ANSWER BECAUSE HE IS ALREADY IN HOT  
3 WATER WITH HIS OFFICERS AT LONG BEACH. BUT DON'T WORRY. HE'LL  
4 HAVE A FINAL SOLUTION. AT LEAST THE FACES UP HERE WILL CHANGE.  
5 GLORIA MOLINA GOES TO CITY COUNCIL, ANTONOVICH LEAVES IN TWO  
6 YEARS, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS WE'RE STUCK WITH FOR ANOTHER SIX  
7 YEARS, ZEV IS LEAVING IN A FEW WEEKS. HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG  
8 FOR THE TRUTH. AND I CAN'T WAIT FOR YOUR NEXT FINAL SOLUTION  
9 TO THE SHERIFF'S PROBLEM AND THE JAIL PROBLEM.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, NEXT?

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. IT'S ARNOLD  
14 SACHS. THIS REPORT FROM SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2013 THE PROBATION  
15 DEPARTMENT VACANCIES MENTIONS THE HIRING FREEZE THAT HAD BEEN  
16 ENACTED THAT WAS LIFTED JUNE 24, 2013. BECAUSE ACCORDING TO  
17 THESE ITEMS ON YOUR AGENDA, THIS ONE FROM 2011, TUESDAY,  
18 OCTOBER 11, YOU HAD \$33 MILLION IN FUNDS TO HIRE FOR 497  
19 POSITIONS 172 OF THEM IN PROBATION. AND THEN THIS ITEM JUNE 6,  
20 2012 YOU WERE GIVING PROBATION \$20 MILLION FOR MORE HIRING OF  
21 POSITIONS. AND IT'S KIND OF LIKE REMEMBER THAT TIME YOU TALKED  
22 ABOUT D.C.F.S. AND YOU HAD SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MENTION 650  
23 POSITIONS THAT THE DIRECTOR WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE AUTHORITY TO  
24 HIRE AND OUT OF THOSE 650 POSITIONS, YOU HIRED 150, BUT THEY  
25 WEREN'T, WHAT? WHAT'S THE TERM YOU USE? I CAN'T THINK OF IT

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1 OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD. BUT NEVERTHELESS, LET'S NOT ALSO  
2 FORGET YOUR FAMOUS MEETING WITH JERRY BROWN. YOU KNOW THE ONE  
3 WHERE YOU VIOLATED THE BROWN ACT. HE CAME DOWN HERE TO TALK  
4 ABOUT PROP 30. WHICH USES FUNDS TO FUND THE PROGRAMS FOR  
5 A.B.109. HOW MUCH MONEY DID YOU GET OUT OF THAT? YOU KNOW THE  
6 LEGISLATORS CAN MAKE UP ALL THE THINGS THEY WANT BUT IT'S THE  
7 VOTERS WHO ENACT THEM BY LISTENING. AND YOU CAN BE SURE THERE  
8 WAS A LOT OF MONEY CHANGING HANDS IN YOUR LEGISLATIVE REPORT,  
9 THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS, STATE LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS, SAID IT  
10 WAS GOING TO RAISE BETWEEN 5 AND \$7 BILLION. THAT'S QUITE A  
11 PLAYING FIELD. HOW MUCH OF THAT MONEY ENDED UP IN THE BOARD OF  
12 SUPERVISORS' POCKETS?

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** PROBLEMS WITH STATE LEGISLATORS.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE DIANA B.? FROM LANCASTER?

19

20 **DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** BEARD. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS AS ON YOUR  
21 CHIN, A BEARD? I AM FROM THE ANTELOPE VALLEY PLANTATION, I  
22 CALL IT. I DON'T CALL IT LANCASTER. I WAS MOVED TO RESPOND TO  
23 THIS ISSUE. I WASN'T GOING TO DO IT WHEN I FIRST WALKED IN BUT  
24 I WANTED TO RESPOND BECAUSE GLORIA MOLINA REALLY INSPIRED ME  
25 WITH HER REPEATED QUESTION OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN ABOUT



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1 LIABILITY. AND I GOT KIND OF PEEVED BECAUSE WHAT I FOUND --  
2 AND I'M A HIGHLY EDUCATED WOMAN, AND I DO NOT MAKE ANY  
3 PRETENSE ABOUT THAT -- WAS A BUNCH OF GIBBERISH BEING TOLD TO  
4 US INSTEAD OF A DIRECT ANSWER TO THE QUESTION. SUPERVISOR  
5 MOLINA, IF SOMETHING HAPPENS AND IT IS MY FAMILY MEMBER, I  
6 WILL CLEAN THE COUNTY'S CLOCK. YOU AND I BOTH KNOW THAT THERE  
7 IS GREAT LIABILITY HERE. BUT WHAT HE DID WAS HE DANCED AROUND  
8 THE ANSWER. AND MANY OF THE OTHER ITEMS THAT WERE BROUGHT TO  
9 THE TABLE WERE DANCES AROUND AN ISSUE THAT OTHERS HAVE ALREADY  
10 BROUGHT UP THAT I WAS GOING TO BRING UP, AS WELL. SO I JUST  
11 FELT COMPELLED BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE PROBATION  
12 DEPARTMENT. I HAVE HAD A PAROLEE LIVE IN A RENTED HOUSE OF  
13 MINE. I'VE GONE AND I HAVE COMPLAINED. HE WAS NOT REGISTERED  
14 TO LIVE THERE. THE PROBATION OFFICER WOULD NOT DO ANYTHING  
15 ABOUT GETTING HIM OUT. AND THE ONLY REASON WHY HE WAS ACTUALLY  
16 SENT BACK TO PRISON WAS BECAUSE THEY FOUND OUT THAT HE WAS  
17 MOLESTING HIS OWN DAUGHTER. BUT WHEN I, THE OWNER OF THE  
18 PROPERTY, WENT DOWN THERE AND MADE SEVERAL COMPLAINTS, I WAS  
19 PUT OFF. I WAS NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY. THERE WAS NO  
20 INVESTIGATION. AND I WAS TOLD THERE WAS NOTHING THEY CAN DO.  
21 AND HE WAS NOT EVEN REGISTERED TO LIVE THERE. SO I WOULD LIKE  
22 TO SEE REPORTS IN THE FUTURE FOR INTELLIGENT PEOPLE LIKE YOU,  
23 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, AND MYSELF WHERE WE GET DIRECT ANSWERS, NOT  
24 GIBBERISH, NOT TIPTOEING THROUGH THE TULIPS AND JUST SIMPLY

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1 SAY: YES, THERE IS COUNTY ACCOUNTABILITY HERE BECAUSE WE HAVE  
2 DEEP POCKETS. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WITH THAT, WE WILL RECEIVE  
5 AND FILE. OKAY, THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. WE STILL HAVE ITEM --  
6 HOW MANY -- OKAY. WELL LET'S TAKE ITEM 46-A, THEN. FOLKS  
7 SIGNED UP ON THAT. OKAY. JENNY JAQUE? LOUISE MCCARTHY. LINDA  
8 RICE. DIANE CORWIN. BE THE FIRST FOUR SPEAKERS.

9

10 **JENNY JAQUE:** HELLO, I AM DR. JENNY JAQUE. I'M AN  
11 OBSTETRICIAN/GYNECOLOGIST AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. KECK SCHOOL OF  
12 MEDICINE. AND EVERY DAY I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF CARING FOR THE  
13 UNDERSERVED OF THIS COUNTY. BEFORE I CONTINUE, I WOULD LIKE TO  
14 RESPECTFULLY AND SINCERELY EXTEND MY CONDOLENCES TO THE  
15 FAMILIES WHO ARE PRESENT TODAY WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED LOSS  
16 LEADING TO THE SUPPORT OF PROP 46. HAVING SAID THAT, SADLY  
17 PROP 46 DOES NOT GUARANTEE ADVERSE EFFECTS FROM TAKING PLACE  
18 IN THE FUTURE. PROP 46 WILL NOT IMPROVE DIRECT PATIENT CARE.  
19 AS SOMEONE WHO LIVES IT DAY IN, DAY OUT, I TELL YOU IT WILL  
20 NOT IMPROVE DIRECT PATIENT CARE. PROP 46 WILL ONLY RAISE  
21 HEALTHCARE COSTS IN AN OVERBURDENED, UNDERFUNDED AND ALREADY  
22 FISCALLY LIMITED SYSTEM. THIS ONLY ACTUALLY NEGATIVELY AFFECTS  
23 DIRECT PATIENT CARE. FINALLY, PROP 46 WILL INCREASE MEDICAL  
24 LIABILITY, FORCING PROVIDERS SUCH AS MYSELF TO BECOME MORE AND  
25 MORE SELECTIVE IN THE PATIENTS WE CHOOSE TO CARE FOR AND MAY

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1 ENCOURAGE SOME PROVIDERS TO LEAVE CALIFORNIA AND PRACTICE  
2 MEDICINE ELSEWHERE. ALL OF THESE THINGS, WHICH ULTIMATELY  
3 AFFECT THE MOST UNDERSERVED OF THE UNDERSERVED PATIENTS WHICH  
4 CURRENTLY I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE AND THE BLESSING TO CALL MY  
5 OWN.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

8

9 **LOUISE MCCARTHY:** GOOD AFTERNOON. LOUISE MCCARTHY WITH  
10 COMMUNITY CLINIC ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE IN  
11 SUPPORT OF YOUR MOTION TO OPPOSE PROP 46. THE COMMUNITY CLINIC  
12 ASSOCIATION OF L.A. COUNTY REPRESENTS NONPROFIT PRIVATE  
13 COMMUNITY PROVIDERS, 250 SITES ACROSS L.A., FROM THE ANTELOPE  
14 VALLEY TO LONG BEACH, FROM SANTA MONICA INTO THE SAN GABRIEL  
15 VALLEY. THEY HAVE BEEN EXPANDING TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF THE  
16 AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, EXPANDING TO 20 PERCENT MORE PATIENTS IN  
17 THE LAST TWO YEARS NOW REACHING 1.3 MILLION UNDERSERVED  
18 PATIENTS ACROSS THE COUNTY, MANY OF WHOM ARE SERVED IN  
19 PARTNERSHIP WITH VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS: MENTAL HEALTH,  
20 SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH, ET CETERA. AS  
21 YOU ALL KNOW, THESE NONPROFIT PROVIDERS ARE OPERATING AT  
22 HAIRLINE MARGINS AND REALLY STRUGGLE EVERY DAY TO OPEN THEIR  
23 DOORS TO THE PATIENTS THEY SERVE. THEY OPERATE A STAFFING  
24 MODEL, WHICH MEANS THAT THEY HIRE PROVIDERS. AND THEY TAKE ON  
25 THE FULL COSTS OF PROVIDING THEIR BENEFITS, THEIR SERVICES,

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1 THEIR MALPRACTICE INSURANCE. AND SO ANY CHANGES TO THE MICRA  
2 LAW, WHICH IS WHAT PROP 46 WOULD DO, WOULD ADVERSELY IMPACT  
3 THE SAFETY NET, DRIVE UP THE COST OF PROVIDING CARE, AND IT  
4 WOULD HAMPER ACCESS TO OUR MOST NEEDY POPULATION. SO WITH  
5 THAT, WE URGE YOU TO OPPOSE PROP 46. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SION ROY AND DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL TO  
8 JOIN US. GO AHEAD.

9

10 **LINDA RICE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MY NAME IS LINDA RICE, FOR 35  
11 YEARS I'VE BEEN HELPING PATIENTS WHO HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF  
12 MEDICAL MISTAKES, PREVENTIBLE MEDICAL ERRORS AS WELL AS  
13 FAMILIES WHO LOST LOVED ONES BECAUSE OF IT. IN 1979 WHEN I  
14 STARTED THIS WORK, THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS LITIGATION  
15 REPRESENTED 1 TO 2 PERCENT OF THE 250,000 MICRA LIMIT. TODAY  
16 IT REPRESENTS ANYWHERE FROM 25 TO 40 PERCENT. THAT MEANS THAT  
17 OF THE \$250,000 THAT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE TO A PATIENT OR A  
18 PATIENT'S FAMILY, ROUGHLY HALF OF THAT IS GOING TO END UP  
19 GOING TO PAY LITIGATION EXPENSES, THE GREATEST EXPENSE OF  
20 WHICH, IRONICALLY, IS PAID TO EXPERT WITNESSES WHO ARE DOCTORS  
21 WHO ARE NECESSARY TO LITIGATE THESE CASES. THE PATIENTS THAT  
22 YOU WANT TO PROTECT ARE THOSE THAT ARE LEAST ABLE TO GET LEGAL  
23 REPRESENTATION WHEN THEY ARE INJURED. THEY DON'T HAVE ANY --  
24 MOST OF THEM HAVE LIMITED ECONOMIC DAMAGES WHICH ARE NOT  
25 CAPPED BY MICRA. THE \$250,000 LIMIT WHICH HAS BEEN IN PLACE

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1 NOW FOR 40 YEARS HAS ROUGHLY THE VALUE OF \$50,000 IN 1975  
2 DOLLARS. AND I DON'T THINK ANY OF US HERE WOULD THINK THAT A  
3 HUMAN LIFE LOST BECAUSE OF A PREVENTABLE MEDICAL ERROR WOULD  
4 BE THE EQUIVALENT OF 50,000 IN 1975. THE PEOPLE YOU WANT THE  
5 PROTECT ARE ALSO ENTITLED TO QUALITY MEDICAL CARE. AND WE  
6 ACHIEVE THAT IN SOME MEASURE BY HOLDING HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS  
7 ACCOUNTABLE JUST AS WE DO DRIVERS AND TRUCK DRIVERS. I WANT TO  
8 THANK YOU FOR AGREEING TO CONTINUE THE VOTE ON THIS ISSUE. WE  
9 HAVE A LOT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WE WOULD LIKE TO  
10 COMMUNICATE TO YOU. PROPOSITION 46 IS ABOUT PATIENT SAFETY.  
11 IT'S ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY. AND IT'S ABOUT ACCOUNTABILITY. THANK  
12 YOU VERY MUCH.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WILLIAM SHAPIRO, IF YOU'LL JOIN US. AND  
15 TEODORO DONOSO? YES, GO AHEAD. DR. CLAVREUL IF YOU WANT?

16

17 **SION ROY:** I'M SION ROY, CARDIOLOGIST AT HARBOR-U.C.L.A. AT  
18 L.A. COUNTY SAFETY NET HOSPITAL AS YOU KNOW. I'M HERE TO ARGUE  
19 AGAINST PROP 46 BECAUSE THE PATIENTS I TREAT EVERY DAY, THE  
20 UNDER INSURED, THE UNINSURED, THE NEEDIEST AMONG US ARE THE  
21 ONES THAT WILL BE MOST NEGATIVELY AFFECTED BY THIS  
22 PROPOSITION. PROP 46 IS REALLY THREE MEASURES CARELESSLY  
23 THROWN TOGETHER BY TRIAL ATTORNEYS WITH THE HOPES THAT ADDING  
24 SWEETENER PROVISIONS AS DOCUMENTED IN THE L.A. TIMES WILL  
25 TRICK VOTERS TO VOTE FOR IT. THE REAL INTENTIONS ARE TO

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1 INCREASE THE CAP ON MEDICAL MALPRACTICE PAYOUTS. AND  
2 UNFORTUNATELY THIS WILL INCREASE HEALTHCARE COSTS. THE CURRENT  
3 INDEPENDENT LEGISLATIVE ANALYSTS PREDICTS THIS INITIATIVE  
4 WOULD COST LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF  
5 DOLLARS PER YEAR AND A NONPARTISAN ANALYST PREDICTS THAT  
6 \$1,000 ANNUAL COST FOR EVERY FAMILY OF FOUR. WHAT ARE THE  
7 CONSEQUENCES OF THESE INCREASED COSTS? DECREASED ACCESS FOR  
8 THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST. DECREASED ACCESS FOR MY PATIENTS AT  
9 HARBOR WHERE RESOURCES PARTICULARLY IN THE OUTPATIENT SETTING  
10 ARE SCARCE. ADDITIONALLY, THERE ARE CONCERNS FOR PATIENT  
11 PRIVACY AND ABILITY TO PROTECT PATIENT PERSONAL DATA WITH THE  
12 MASSIVE EXPANSION OF THE CARES DATABASE. THE DEPARTMENT OF  
13 JUSTICE HAS SAID THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO HANDLE THIS INCREASING  
14 USE OF TIERS IF THIS INITIATIVE PASSES. ESPECIALLY BECAUSE  
15 THERE'S NO INCREASED FUNDING FOR ITS OPERATION. I'M ABSOLUTELY  
16 SYMPATHETIC TO THE FAMILIES WHO ARE HERE WHO HAVE THEIR  
17 STORIES TO TELL. BUT THIS INITIATIVE IS NOT THE INITIATIVE  
18 THAT WILL IMPROVE PATIENT SAFETY. I ASK THE BOARD OF  
19 SUPERVISORS TO JOIN OUR BROAD COALITION AGAINST PROPOSITION  
20 46.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DR. CLAVREUL?

23

24 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON. DR. GENEVIEVE  
25 CLAVREUL. I AM TOTALLY OPPOSED TO PROPOSITION 46 AND FOR ONE

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1 MAIN REASON. EVERY TIME YOU MIX THREE REASON TO DO A  
2 PROPOSITION IS NEVER A GOOD PROPOSITION. PERSONALLY I AM IN  
3 FAVOR OF THE INCREASE OF MICRA. AND ACTUALLY THE STATE OF  
4 FLORIDA FOUND IT UNCONSTITUTIONAL TO HAVE THAT. BUT  
5 PROPOSITION 46 IS A JOKE. TO WANT TO TEST PHYSICIANS FOR DRUG  
6 AND NOT TEST THE NURSES, NOT TEST EVERYBODY ELSE IN THE HEALTH  
7 CARE, IT'S ABSURD. AND ACTUALLY WHEN THEY HAD A PRESS  
8 CONFERENCE FOR THIS PROPOSITION, EVERY PHYSICIAN WHO WAS  
9 INVOLVED WAS INVOLVED BECAUSE OF GROSS MALPRACTICE. NONE OF  
10 THOSE PHYSICIANS WAS IMPAIRED. SO WHY EVEN PUT TESTING? AND  
11 WHEN YOU COME TO (INAUDIBLE). (INAUDIBLE) IS PROBABLY THE  
12 WORST PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONEY THROUGH THE SYSTEM IN OUR UNITED  
13 STATES. AND THE ONLY APPROPRIATE TESTING PROGRAM IS IN  
14 OKLAHOMA. IS THE ONLY ONE IN OUR 50 STATES WHO HAVE UP TO THE  
15 MINUTE INFORMATION. (INAUDIBLE) BECAUSE IS SOFTWARE OF THAT  
16 DR. ROBERT, OR THAT INDIVIDUAL (INAUDIBLE) IS TOTALLY  
17 INEFFICIENT AND TAKES SOMETIMES TWO MONTHS TO GET INFORMATION.  
18 AND IT IS ONE OF THE FEW STATES WHERE THE DEPARTMENT OF  
19 JUSTICE. ALL THE OTHER STATES REPORT TO PUBLIC HEALTH WITH A  
20 MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE. FOR ALL OF THOSE REASONS, I FEEL WE  
21 SHOULD VOTE NO ON 46. AND IT WAS AN ARTICLE IN THE "PASADENA  
22 STAR-NEWS" YESTERDAY AND MY RESPONSE TO THEM FOR YOUR  
23 INFORMATION. AND IF YOU GO TO MY BLOG, THEWORLDASISEEIT.COM,  
24 THERE IS MULTIPLE INFORMATION WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE NO.  
25



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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I WOULD ASK ERIC ANDRIST AND  
2    TAMMY SMICK TO JOIN US, PLEASE.

3

4    **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YOU SHOULD VOTE NO.

5

6    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

7

8    **WILLIAM SHAPIRO:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS WILLIAM SHAPIRO. I'M  
9    PROUD TO REPRESENT VICTIMS OF SOME MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE. I'M  
10   HERE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF PROP 46. I REALIZE THAT WE HAVE SOME  
11   OF OUR PEOPLE HERE THAT ARE ENCOURAGING AGAINST IT. I WANT TO  
12   START OUT MY COMMENTS BY CELEBRATING EACH OF YOU BY  
13   CELEBRATING THE LIVES BEGINNING HERE THAT WE HAD FOR ABOUT AN  
14   HOUR AND A HALF. AND AS I SAT HERE AND I SAW THOSE LIVES  
15   CELEBRATED AND AWARDS GIVEN, YOUNG PEOPLE, OLD PEOPLE,  
16   DECEASED PEOPLE, I NOTED THE VALUE OF LIFE AND THE RICHNESS  
17   THAT THOSE LIVES THAT THOSE FOLKS LIVED IN THEIR LIFE. AND  
18   WHAT IT REMINDED ME OF IS A CLIENT OF MINE, EAGLE MANZO WHO IS  
19   NOW 40 YEARS OLD WHO BECAUSE HE WAS NOT GIVEN OXYGEN, WAS  
20   DEPRIVED OF OXYGEN AT THE TIME OF HIS BIRTH, HE SUFFERS FROM  
21   CEREBRAL PALSY AND IS A SPASTIC QUADRIPELEGIC. HE WILL NEVER  
22   HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THE LIFE THAT WE SAW THIS MORNING  
23   IN ALL THESE FABULOUS STORIES BECAUSE HE WILL BE IN A  
24   WHEELCHAIR WHILE HE HAS SOME MENTAL CAPABILITY, HE WILL  
25   CONTINUE TO SUFFER THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE, NEVER HAVING THAT

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1 CHANCE. AND BACK 40 YEARS AGO, BACK IN 1975 WHEN I WAS IN MY  
2 FIRST YEAR OF LAW SCHOOL, THIS LEGISLATIVE BODY WE HAVE IN  
3 CALIFORNIA ENACTED MICRA. THEY CALL IT THE MEDICAL INJURY  
4 COMPENSATION REFORM ACT. IT'S REALLY THE MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE  
5 REFORM ACT. IT'S NOT ABOUT MEDICAL INJURIES. IT'S ABOUT  
6 MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE. IT'S THE ONLY ACT WE HAVE IN THE STATE  
7 THAT CAPS CERTAIN DAMAGES. IN THIS CASE, WE CAP THE DAMAGES OF  
8 MY CLIENT NIKO MANZO WHO CAN ONLY RECOVER 250,000 DUE TO  
9 MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE. WHAT I'M ENCOURAGING IS SOME FAIRNESS. AND  
10 THAT IS NOT ONLY DO WE HAVE CAPS, THIS LAW ENACTED DID NOT  
11 PROVIDE FOR ANY PROVISION FOR ANY INCREASES. AND WHEN I  
12 STARTED LAW SCHOOL, IT WAS \$28 A UNIT. WHEN MY SON STARTED LAW  
13 SCHOOL LAST YEAR IT WAS OVER \$1,000 A UNIT. IT'S ONE OF THE  
14 FEW ACTS AND LAWS WE HAVE IN OUR STATE WHERE THERE'S NOT A  
15 BUILT-IN STRUCTURE TO INCREASE.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

18

19 **WILLIAM SHAPIRO:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES, MA'AM.

22

23 **TAMMY SMICK:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS TAMMY SMICK. I'M A  
24 SPECIAL EDUCATIN TEACHER WITH THE DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL  
25 DISTRICT BUT I'M HERE TODAY BECAUSE I'M A GRIEVING MOM WHO

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1 UNDERSTANDS ALL TOO WELL THE DEVASTATING IMPACT OF MEDICAL  
2 NEGLIGENCE. THIS IS MY SON ALEX. HE WAS JUST 20 YEARS OLD WHEN  
3 HE WAS KILLED BY MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE IN AN ORANGE COUNTY  
4 HOSPITAL, ALEX WAS GIVEN A LETHAL COMBINATION OF MEDICATIONS.  
5 AND THEN HE WAS LEFT UNMONITORED FOR OVER SEVEN HOURS WITHOUT  
6 EVEN ONE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK. WHEN HE WAS FINALLY CHECKED ON  
7 DURING MORNING ROUNDS, ALEX WAS FOUND DEAD. HE WAS ALREADY IN  
8 RIGOR MORTIS. IT WAS A TWISTED BIT OF TRAGIC IRONY BECAUSE  
9 ALEX HAD ENTERED THAT HOSPITAL TO SAFELY DETOX OFF OF  
10 PRESCRIPTION PAIN MEDICATIONS. A PAIN MANAGEMENT DOCTOR HAD  
11 STARTED PRESCRIBING MY THEN 18-YEAR-OLD SON VICODIN, OXYCONTIN  
12 AND ULTIMATELY MORPHINE. SO IN MY QUEST TO SEEK JUSTICE AND  
13 ACCOUNTABILITY, I SOUGHT LEGAL COUNSEL, AND THAT'S WHEN I  
14 LEARNED ABOUT MICRA, AN OUTDATED AND UNFAIR LAW THAT LIMITS  
15 THE VALUE OF MY SON'S LIFE AT \$250,000. AND WHILE THERE'S NO  
16 AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT WILL EASE MY PAIN AND SUFFERING, I WANT  
17 ACCOUNTABILITY FOR WHAT WAS TRULY A SENSELESS AND PREVENTABLE  
18 LOSS. SADLY BECAUSE OF THE MICRA CAP, FAMILIES LIKE MINE ARE  
19 DENIED ACCESS TO JUSTICE. I FIND IT UTTERLY SHAMEFUL THAT IN  
20 CALIFORNIA, WE HAVE A LAW THAT IS ALLOWED TO DISCRIMINATE  
21 AGAINST CERTAIN SEGMENTS OF OUR POPULATION, INCLUDING OUR  
22 CHILDREN, THE ELDERLY, THE POOR, THE DISABLED AND OUR STAY-AT-  
23 HOME PARENTS. TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT ALEX. HE WAS ONE OF MORE  
24 THAN 400,000 AMERICANS WHO ARE KILLED EVERY YEAR BECAUSE OF  
25 MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE. BUT HE WAS NOT MERELY A STATISTIC. ALEX

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1 WAS MY SON. AND IF THIS TRAGEDY CAN HAPPEN TO ME AND MY  
2 FAMILY, IT COULD HAPPEN TO ANYONE. PLEASE, I URGE YOU TO  
3 SUPPORT THE LIFESAVING PROVISIONS IN PROPOSITION 46. THANK YOU  
4 FOR YOUR TIME. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT? ALICIA COLE AND DARIAN  
7 BOJEAUX. JOIN US, PLEASE.

8

9 **TEODORO DONOSO:** MY NAME IS TEODORO DONOSO. I AM 60-YEAR-OLD.  
10 AND I'M MOSTLY BLIND ON MY RIGHT EYE. I'VE BEEN TO A MEDICAL  
11 SURGEON THAT I HAVE BEEN BLIND BECAUSE OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE.  
12 I WAS NOT WORKING AT THE TIME. AND SO I HAD NO LOST EARNINGS.  
13 AND WITH THE PROP OF \$250,000 LIMIT, I CANNOT GET LEGAL  
14 REPRESENTATION. MY ATTORNEY, MY FAMILY ATTORNEY TOLD ME THAT I  
15 HAD BEEN TURNED DOWN FOR MANY ATTORNEYS BECAUSE THE LIMIT OF  
16 \$250,000, I CANNOT GET LEGAL REPRESENTATION. MY FAMILY AND I  
17 HAVE BEEN THROUGH HARD TIMES. AND I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO SAY  
18 YES TO PROP 46. IT WOULD HELP MANY, MANY PEOPLE LIKE ME THAT  
19 GO THROUGH MEDICAL MALPRACTICE. PERHAPS IN THE FUTURE PEOPLE  
20 WILL BENEFIT FROM IT. VERY, VERY IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE LIKE ME  
21 THAT I AM BLIND ON MY RIGHT EYE. AND IT'S SO SAD THAT I CANNOT  
22 TAKE CARE OF MY FAMILY.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

25

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1   **ERIC ANDRIST:** HI, MY NAME IS ERIC ANDRIST. I LIVE IN VALLEY  
2   VILLAGE, CALIFORNIA. IN 2002, I GAVE UP MY CAREER TO CARE FOR  
3   MY SISTER CALY. SHE WAS MENTALLY RETARDED, SHE HAS A LEARNING  
4   ABILITY OF A FOUR-YEAR-OLD. THIS IS MY SISTER HERE. THIS IS  
5   HER ON YOUR RIGHT SHORTLY BEFORE SHE DIED OF MEDICAL  
6   NEGLIGENCE AT PROVIDENCE ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL IN BURBANK. I  
7   TOOK HER TO THE E.R. ONE NIGHT WHEN SHE HAD A TERRIBLE STOMACH  
8   ACHE. AFTER 15 HOURS OF SUFFERING OF HORRENDOUS PAIN, THEY  
9   STILL HAD NOT GIVEN HER ANY PAIN MEDICATION WHATSOEVER. IT  
10   TURNS OUT SHE HAD A STRANGULATED BOWEL THAT HAD BURST AND WAS  
11   SEEPING TOXINS INTO HER ABDOMEN WHICH CAUSED SEPSIS. AND THIS  
12   POOR GIRL SUFFERED FOR 15 HOURS WITHOUT ANY PAIN MEDICATION  
13   WHATSOEVER. WHEN THEY FINALLY GAVE HER SOMETHING, THEY GAVE  
14   HER A DRUG CALLED DILAUDID WHICH IS SEVEN TIMES STRONGER THAN  
15   MORPHINE AND SHE PASSED OUT WITHIN SECONDS. BUT SHORTLY BEFORE  
16   THEY GAVE HER THAT DRUG, THEY GAVE HER ANOTHER RADIOACTIVE  
17   BEVERAGE TO DRINK FOR AN UNNECESSARY C.T. SCAN. BECAUSE OF THE  
18   SEDATIVE EFFECT OF THE DILAUDID SHE ENDED UP ASPIRATING THAT  
19   DRUG INTO HER LUNGS WHICH CAUSED PULMONARY EDEMA AND SENT HER  
20   INTO CARDIAC ARREST. THE HOSPITAL WAS UNDER THE WRONG  
21   IMPRESSION THAT SHE WAS A DO NOT RESUSCITATE. SO WHILE SHE  
22   LAID THERE IN CARDIAC ARREST, THEY STOOD AROUND DOING  
23   ABSOLUTELY NOTHING. WHEN THEY FINALLY REALIZED SHE WAS WRONG,  
24   THEY CALLED A CODE BLUE. THEY WERE ABLE TO REVIVE HER 17  
25   MINUTES LATER BUT SHE WAS NEARLY BRAIN DEAD BY THEN. SHE DIED

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1 THE NEXT DAY. WHEN I TRIED TO GET OUT TO FIND A LAWYER TO HELP  
2 ME WITH THIS CASE, IT TOOK ME OVER EIGHT MONTHS TO FIND A  
3 LAWYER TO TAKE THIS CASE BECAUSE THEY WERE ALL TURNING ME DOWN  
4 BECAUSE OF THE MICRA LAW. IT WASN'T BECAUSE MY CASE WAS  
5 WITHOUT MERIT. IT WAS BECAUSE OF MICRA. I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO  
6 DO. I WAS RUNNING OUT OF HOPE. I FINALLY DID. I WAS ONE OF THE  
7 FEW PEOPLE THAT LUCKED OUT AND GOT A LAWYER. BUT MOST VICTIMS  
8 DO NOT EVER GET A LAWYER. 22 STATES HAVE NO TORT REFORM LAWS  
9 LIKE MICRA. 13 OF THOSE HAVE FOUND IT TO BE UNCONSTITUTIONAL.  
10 WHAT'S GOING ON IN THOSE STATES? THEY'RE NOT HAVING ANY OF  
11 THESE PROBLEMS THAT THE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION IS GOING TO TELL  
12 YOU IS GOING TO HAPPEN HERE IF WE PASS PROP 46. SO I'M URGING  
13 YOU TO PLEASE, PLEASE PASS PROP 46. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE. RAISE YOUR HANDS. WE DON'T ALLOW  
16 APPLAUSE. THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM. GO AHEAD.

17

18 **DARIAN BOJEAUX:** MY DARIAN BOJEAUX AND I'M AN ATTORNEY. AND I  
19 WANT TO SAY GOD FORBID SHOULD ANY OF YOU OR YOUR LOVED ONES  
20 SUFFER A SIGNIFICANT INJURY AS A RESULT OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE  
21 AND BE FACED WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF ONLY BEING COMPENSATED  
22 \$250,000, SOMETHING THAT MAY HAVE BEEN ALL RIGHT 40 YEARS AGO  
23 BUT CERTAINLY IS NOT REASONABLE NOW. YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MANY  
24 CASES GOOD LEGITIMATE CASES CAN NOT BE PURSUED BECAUSE OF THE  
25 EXPENSES REQUIRED AND THE EXTENT OF WORK. I DON'T TAKE THAT

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1 MANY MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CASES. BUT THE LAST ONE I DID HAVE,  
2 BECAUSE IT REALLY TOUCHED MY HEART, HAD COSTS OF \$150,000. TO  
3 GET IT TO TRIAL FOR EXPERTS AND EVERYTHING ELSE. BUT I'M HERE  
4 TO TELL YOU HOW THAT LIMIT REALLY WORKS. ONE TIME WHEN I DID  
5 HAVE A VERY CLEAR CASE WHERE A KAISER DOCTOR DIDN'T BOTHER TO  
6 LOOK AT A MAMMOGRAM AND SO HE DID NOT DETECT BREAST CANCER, IT  
7 WAS CLEARLY WORTH \$250,000. THERE WASN'T ANY LOST EARNINGS OR  
8 ANYTHING SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS WORTH. THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY  
9 SAID TO ME "WELL WE UNDERSTAND THAT IT'S GOING TO COST YOU AT  
10 LEAST 30,000 TO \$50,000 TO LITIGATE THIS IN COSTS AND YOU'RE  
11 GOING TO HAVE TO PUT IN AT LEAST \$50,000 TO \$100,000 OF WORK  
12 SO WE NEVER OFFERED THE \$250,000. WE WOULD OFFER YOU SOMETHING  
13 SIGNIFICANTLY LESS." SO THE \$250,000 CANNOT EVEN BE ACHIEVED  
14 BY SOMEONE WHO REALLY DESERVES IT. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR  
15 YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT AND I ASK DAVID HOFFMAN. JOHN  
18 DENOVE. GENIE HARRISON. AND SUSAN SABRY TO JOIN US. OKAY. GO  
19 AHEAD, MA'AM.

20

21 **ALICIA COLE:** MY NAME IS ALICIA COLE AND I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU  
22 TODAY FOR POSTPONING THIS VOTE AND WAITING UNTIL YOU HAVE A  
23 CHANCE TO TAKE A DEEPER DIVE INTO THE INFORMATION. I'M HERE  
24 TODAY TO SUPPORT PROP 46. AS YOU HAVE HEARD, OVER 400,000  
25 PEOPLE A YEAR DIE FROM HOSPITALS MEDICAL ERRORS, PREVENTABLE.



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1 WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT HONEST MISTAKES OR BAD OUTCOMES. WE'RE  
2 TALKING THINGS THAT ARE PREVENTABLE. BUT WHAT WE DON'T OFTEN  
3 HEAR A LOT ABOUT ARE THE OVER 2 MILLION PEOPLE LIKE MYSELF WHO  
4 GO THROUGH MEDICAL HARM AND WHO SURVIVE AND WHO ARE MAIMED. I  
5 WENT INTO THE HOSPITAL IN AUGUST OF 2006. PROVIDENT ST.  
6 JOSEPH, SAME HOSPITAL YOU HEARD ANOTHER PERSON TALK ABOUT. MY  
7 TWO-DAY HOSPITAL STAY TURNED INTO TWO MONTHS, A MONTH IN THE  
8 I.C.U., SIX ADDITIONAL SURGERIES, ALMOST HAVING MY LEFT LEG  
9 AMPUTATED, AN OPEN, DRAINING ABDOMEN FOR THREE YEARS. THIS IS  
10 WHAT I LOOKED LIKE UNDERNEATH MY CLOTHING FOR THREE YEARS. IT  
11 IS EIGHT YEARS LATER, AND I AM STILL IN PHYSICAL THERAPY AND  
12 DOCTORS' APPOINTMENTS EVERY WEEK. I AM MISSING PHYSICAL  
13 THERAPY RIGHT NOW TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF PROP 46. MY HOSPITAL  
14 WAS CITED FOR BEING IN VIOLATION OF FIVE STATE LAWS AND 10  
15 FEDERAL LAWS FOR UNSANITARY CONDITIONS IN THEIR OPERATING  
16 ROOMS AND NOT FOLLOWING THEIR OWN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. MY  
17 DOCTOR, I LATER FOUND, HAD MULTIPLE CASES OF MEDICAL  
18 MALPRACTICE AT THE BURBANK COURTHOUSE. PATIENTS ARE GOING --  
19 YOUR CONSTITUENTS ARE GOING INTO HOSPITALS THROUGHOUT THE  
20 STATE WITHOUT TRUE, INFORMED CONSENT TO KNOW THAT THEIR  
21 DOCTORS ARE ON PROBATION, TO KNOW THAT THEIR DOCTORS MAY HAVE  
22 A DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROBLEM. AND WITH THE MICRA CAP, NOW WE ARE  
23 PROHIBITING THOSE PEOPLE FROM SEEKING JUSTICE AND  
24 COMPENSATION. MY MEDICAL BILLS WERE OVER \$2 MILLION BEFORE I  
25 EVER LEFT THE HOSPITAL.

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT?

3

4 **JACK DENOVE:** MY NAME'S JACK DENOVE, I'M ONE OF THOSE GREEDY  
5 TRIAL LAWYERS YOU HEAR ABOUT ON THE RADIO AND THE TV. AND DO  
6 YOU KNOW WHO'S PAYING FOR MOST OF THOSE ADVERTISEMENTS? IT'S  
7 THE MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INSURANCE COMPANIES. SO WHEN PEOPLE  
8 COME UP HERE AND THEY TELL YOU IT IS GOING TO RAISE THEIR  
9 MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INSURANCE RATES, EDUCATED PEOPLE, ASK  
10 YOURSELF: WHY WOULD THE INSURANCE COMPANIES THAT WOULD PROFIT  
11 FROM THAT IN TERMS OF INCREASED PREMIUMS BE SO OPPOSED TO  
12 THIS? 40 YEARS IT'S BEEN LIMITED TO \$250,000. IF \$250,000 WAS  
13 REASONABLE IN 1975, IT IS CERTAINLY UNREASONABLE IN 2014. ARE  
14 WE GOING TO ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO GO BACK TO I THINK  
15 THEY WERE MAKING \$50,000 IN 1975, TO GO BACK TO THAT? BECAUSE  
16 IT'S GOING TO COST US TOO MUCH MONEY TO PAY WHAT YOUR SALARIES  
17 ARE WORTH TODAY? OR TELL POLICE OFFICERS THEY SHOULD TAKE A  
18 CUT IN PAY BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO COST THE TAXPAYERS TOO MUCH.  
19 BUT THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT MICRA HAS DONE TO THE VICTIMS. THEY  
20 ARE LIMITED TO AN ARBITRARY AMOUNT. I'VE HANDLED CASES WHERE  
21 I'VE REPRESENTED DOCTORS WHO HAVE BEEN ADDICTED ON DRUGS AND  
22 CONTINUED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE, PUT PEOPLE TO SLEEP, MONITOR  
23 THEM AND THEN TRY TO WAKE THEM UP. AND LET ME TELL YOU, WE MAY  
24 BE LAWYERS OR COUNCIL PERSONS, BUT WE ARE ALL EVENTUALLY GOING  
25 TO BE PATIENTS. AND I WANT TO HAVE IT TO BE SURE THAT PEOPLE

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1 ARE GOING TO BE CHECKING THE DOCTORS LIKE THEY DO WITH TRUCK  
2 DRIVERS AND BUS DRIVERS FOR ALCOHOL ABUSE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

5

6 **GENIE HARRISON:** HI. MY NAME IS GENIE HARRISON. AND EVEN THOUGH  
7 I'M AN ATTORNEY, I DON'T DO MEDICAL MALPRACTICE WORK FOR  
8 PLAINTIFFS OR DEFENDANTS. I'M NERVOUS TO TALK TO YOU TODAY  
9 BECAUSE WHAT I'M GOING TO TELL YOU IS SOMETHING I DON'T SHARE  
10 WITH PEOPLE. I'M THE DAUGHTER OF AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST WHO IS  
11 ADDICTED AND WHO IS A FULLY PRACTICING ANESTHESIOLOGIST. AND  
12 HE USES ALL DAY EVERY DAY. AND I CAN'T STOP HIM. SOMETHING  
13 LIKE PROP 46 COULD STOP HIM. MY QUESTION IS: DO YOU KNOW  
14 WHETHER MY FATHER WORKS AT ONE OF YOUR FACILITIES? I WOULD  
15 URGE YOU TO PLEASE, PLEASE VOTE YES ON PROP 46. DO NOT VOTE  
16 AGAINST IT. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WANTED TO BRING UP, AS  
17 WELL, IS THAT IF MY FATHER, BECAUSE HE WAS USING ON THE DAY  
18 THAT YOU CAME IN TO THE MEDICAL FACILITY WHERE HE WORKS  
19 UNFORTUNATELY KILLED SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY BECAUSE OF HIS  
20 ADDICTION, THEN YOU WOULD BE LIMITED TO \$250,000 IN  
21 NONECONOMIC DAMAGES AND EMOTIONAL DISTRESS FOR ONE OF THOSE  
22 INDIVIDUALS THAT YOU LOVE SO MUCH, FOR ONE OF THOSE  
23 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAS MADE YOUR LIFE SO RICH AND SO VALUABLE.  
24 FOR EXAMPLE, WITH JOAN RIVERS, WE KNOW THAT SHE JUST PASSED.  
25 THERE'S EVERY INDICATION THAT THERE WAS SOME KIND OF MEDICAL

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1 NEGLIGENCE ASSOCIATED WITH THAT. BECAUSE THAT INCIDENT  
2 HAPPENED IN NEW YORK, HER DAUGHTER MELISSA AND HER GRANDSON  
3 ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO BE FULLY COMPENSATED. THAT WOULD NOT  
4 BE THE CASE IF SHE HAD THAT SURGERY HERE. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. JEFFREY RUDMAN. ALEJANDRA  
7 GONZALES. JOY CULL WILL BE OUR LAST THREE SPEAKERS. OKAY. GO  
8 AHEAD.

9

10 **ALEJANDRA GONZALEZ:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS  
11 ALEJANDRA GONZALEZ. I'M HERE TO VOTE FOR, GOING TO TELL YOU MY  
12 STORY. I'M KIND OF NERVOUS AT THIS TIME. MY DAUGHTER PASSED  
13 AWAY AT SIX WEEKS OF HER BIRTH DUE TO MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE.  
14 FIRST WEEK INTO HER BIRTH SHE GOT A SLIGHT COUGH. TOOK HER  
15 INTO THE PEDIATRICS. FINE. SENT ME HOME. AFTER THAT FIVE  
16 WEEKS, HER LAST WEEK OF LIFE I TOOK HER IN TO HER PEDIATRICS  
17 AND EMERGENCY ROOM FIVE TIMES OUT OF THOSE SEVEN DAYS. FIVE  
18 TIMES OUT OF THOSE SEVEN DAYS I WAS SENT HOME. NO LABS WERE  
19 DONE. NO X-RAY WAS DONE. NOTHING WAS DONE. BEING A BIG  
20 EPIDEMIC AT THAT TIME OF WHOOPING COUGH. MY DAUGHTER PASSED  
21 AWAY OF THE WHOOPING COUGH. TO THIS DAY IT'S BEEN FOUR YEARS  
22 THAT IT STILL HURTS LIKE IT WAS YESTERDAY. THAT DOCTOR STILL  
23 PRACTICING. THOSE EMERGENCY ROOM DOCTORS ARE STILL PRACTICING.  
24 IT HAPPENS EVERY DAY. I WAS ONE OF THE LUCKY ONES THAT DID GET

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1 AN ATTORNEY. THAT CAME OUT TO BE THE MICRA LAW BEING AT  
2 \$250,000. MY DAUGHTER'S LIFE ISN'T WORTH 250. THANK YOU.

3

4 **JOY CULL:** MY NAME IS JOY CULL. OLIVIA WAS OUR FIRSTBORN CHILD,  
5 OLDEST OF THREE. AT 17, OLIVIA WAS ACCEPTED EARLY TO SMITH  
6 COLLEGE AND HAD ALREADY SET HER SIGHTS ON GRADUATE SCHOOL. ON  
7 JANUARY 9, 2009 SHE WAS SCHEDULED BY HER CARDIOLOGIST TO HAVE  
8 A ROUTINE DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURE, A HEART CATHETERIZATION AT  
9 U.C.L.A.'S RONALD REAGAN MATEL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL WHICH SHE  
10 HAD HAD A HALF DOZEN TIMES BEFORE TO MONITOR HER CONGENITAL  
11 HEART DEFECTS. THIS PROCEDURE, AGAIN, IS ROUTINE, PERFORMED  
12 LITERALLY MILLIONS OF TIMES A YEAR IN THE U.S. PEOPLE DON'T  
13 DIE FROM THIS TEST. IT WOULD BE LIKE DYING FROM AN M.R.I. IT'S  
14 A DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURE DONE IN A LAB ON INFANTS TO ELDERLY AND  
15 EVERYONE IN BETWEEN. NO ONE HAD EVER DIED FROM THIS PROCEDURE  
16 AT THIS HOSPITAL, EVER. OLIVIA NEVER CAME UP TO RECOVERY. THE  
17 DOCTORS SAID SHE SUFFERED CATASTROPHIC BRAIN DAMAGE AND WAS  
18 TAKEN OFF LIFE SUPPORT SEVERAL DAYS LATER. BECAUSE OF THE  
19 MICRA LAW, WE STILL DON'T KNOW FULLY WHAT HAPPENED. WE BEGGED  
20 THE CHIEF OF PHYSICIANS TO INVESTIGATE, AND HE ASSURED US HE  
21 WOULD THEN NEVER CALLED US BACK. WE THEN REACHED OUT TO A LAW  
22 FIRM WHO BECAUSE OF THIS 250 CAP WAS UNWILLING AND UNABLE TO  
23 DEPOSE ALL SEVEN OR EIGHT OF THE PERSONNEL IN THE LAB AT THE  
24 TIME OF OLIVIA'S PROCEDURE. WE WERE GIVEN VAGUE AND  
25 CONFLICTING REASONS FOR HER DEATH EVEN WHILE THE DOCTORS WERE

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1 UNDER OATH. THERE WAS AT LEAST A 20-MINUTE PERIOD WORE OLIVIA  
2 WAS STILL UNDER ANESTHESIA AND NOT MONITORED. WHERE WAS  
3 EVERYBODY AND WHAT WERE THEY DOING? THE PHYSICIAN IN CHARGE  
4 CAME INTO THE PROCEDURE AN AN HOUR AND A HALF LATE AND NO ONE  
5 CAN ATTEST TO HIS WHEREABOUTS AFTER HE LEFT TOWARDS THE END OF  
6 THE PROCEDURE. EVEN THOUGH HE STATED "THIS WAS HIS ONLY CASE  
7 THAT DAY." WE'VE HEARD THAT THE MONITOR WAS TURNED OFF. NO,  
8 THE MONITOR WAS ON BUT THE ALARMS HAD BEEN TURNED OFF. WE  
9 HEARD THAT C.P.R. WAS DONE INCORRECTLY AND PUSHED BLOOD INTO  
10 HER BRAIN. THE CODE BLUE CHART WHICH HAD BEEN AN ACCURATE  
11 SECOND-BY- SECOND ACCOUNT WAS ACTUALLY FILLED IN HOURS AFTER  
12 THE EPISODE AND THE WHOLE CHART WAS MADE UP. THE MOST  
13 EXCRUCIATING TESTIMONY WAS THAT OF THE FIRST ANESTHESIOLOGIST.  
14 WHEN SHE CAME BACK INTO THE ROOM, OLIVIA'S HEAD AND NECK WERE  
15 BLUE AND SWOLLEN. SHE IMMEDIATELY BEGAN C.P.R. AND OLIVIA WAS  
16 REVIVED IN A MINUTE OR LESS, WHICH MEANS SHE COULD HAVE BEEN  
17 RESUSCITATED EARLIER AND WASN'T. BECAUSE OF THE MICRA LAW, WE  
18 CAN'T GET ANY CLOSER TO THE TRUTH OR HOLD ANYONE ACCOUNTABLE  
19 FOR OUR DAUGHTER'S DEATH. OUR LAWYERS DROPPED US AT ONE POINT  
20 BECAUSE I WAS PUSHING TO GO TO COURT BUT THE FIRM COULDN'T  
21 AFFORD TO DO THAT. WE HAD TO SETTLE OUT OF COURT FOR THE CAP  
22 AMOUNT. THESE DOCTORS ARE ALL STILL PRACTICING, MOST AT THE  
23 SAME HOSPITAL, MANY WITH PROMOTIONS. NOT ONE HAS A MARK ON  
24 THEIR RECORD. THEY PLAY GOLF AND GO ON VACATIONS LIVING THEIR  
25 LIVES AND MOST IMPORTANTLY AND SHOCKINGLY ARE ALL STILL

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1 PRACTICING MEDICINE AT A CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. THESE DOCTORS  
2 CAUSED THE DEATH OF MY DAUGHTER, COVERED IT AND GOT AWAY WITH  
3 IT. PLEASE VOTE TO SUPPORT PROP 46.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. GARY SCHNEIDER.

6

7 **GARY SCHNEIDER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS GARY SCHNEIDER. I  
8 AM AN ATTORNEY. I'VE BEEN AN ATTORNEY FOR ABOUT 38 YEARS,  
9 WHICH IS RIGHT AROUND THE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT MICRA'S BEEN IN  
10 EFFECT. WHEN I STARTED, I GOT MY FIRST JOB, IT WAS A \$15,000 A  
11 YEAR. THAT, OF COURSE, HAS BEEN BEEN ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION  
12 BUT MICRA NEVER HAS. I HAVE A CLIENT WITH ME, HIS NAME IS  
13 PETER SPENCER. HE WAS TAKEN TO KAISER BECAUSE HE WAS SUFFERING  
14 FROM SHORTNESS OF BREATH. IN DOING A TEST ON HIM, (INAUDIBLE)  
15 WAS INJECTED INTO HIM WHICH BLOCKED HIS RADIAL ARTERY AND  
16 WHICH CAUSED THE AMPUTATION OF HIS THUMB, INDEX FINGER AND  
17 MIDDLE FINGER OF HIS RIGHT MAJOR HAND. HE ALSO DEVELOPED  
18 SYSTEMIC INFECTIONS THAT HE STILL SUFFERS FROM. HE HAS HAD  
19 LENGTHY, LENGTHY HOSPITALIZATIONS. HE HAS HAD LENGTHY, LENGTHY  
20 REHABILITATIONS. HE WENT IN BECAUSE HE HAD SHORTNESS OF BREATH  
21 AND HE CAME OUT WITHOUT HIS HAND. I'M ALSO ONE OF THOSE GREEDY  
22 TRIAL LAWYERS SPEAKING FOR THE VICTIMS OF MALPRACTICE BECAUSE  
23 THEY NEED TO BE SPOKEN FOR. AND IT IS TIME. IF THERE HAS TO BE  
24 A CAP WHICH WE EVEN THINK THERE SHOULD NOT BE AT ALL, IT IS  
25 DEFINITELY TIME TO ADJUST IT FOR 40 YEARS OF INFLATION. THE



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1 WORLD WILL NOT COME TO AN END. IT WILL CONTINUE AND, IN FACT,  
2 BY INCREASING ACCOUNTABILITY, BY MAKING THE MEDICAL  
3 PROFESSION, THE HOSPITALS, THE DOCTORS AND ALL THE  
4 PRACTITIONERS ACCOUNTABLE, IT WILL CERTAINLY MAKE THEM MORE  
5 CAREFUL. RIGHT NOW, WITH THIS CAP, THEY'RE VIRTUALLY ACTING  
6 WITH IMPUNITY AND NO CONSEQUENCE FOR THE HARM THEY CAUSE.  
7 THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. DID  
10 YOU STILL NEED A CONTINUANCE? ALL RIGHT. THEN WE'LL CONTINUE  
11 IT FOR A WEEK. WE WILL CONTINUE IT FOR A WEEK. BOTH ASKED FOR  
12 A CONTINUANCE.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IS IT REASONABLE TO SHARE SOME INFORMATION  
15 AT THIS POINT AND TO PICK UP THE BALANCE OF DISCUSSION NEXT  
16 WEEK?

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I WOULD LIKE TO I HAVE A DOCUMENT FOR ALL  
21 THE BOARD MEMBERS TO AT LEAST TO BE APPRISED OF IN THE EVENT  
22 THAT IT IS THE CASE GOING BACK TO DECEMBER OF 2007 WHEN WE  
23 HAVE THE C.E.O.'S ANNUAL REPORT TO US REFERRING TO WHAT OUR  
24 LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY OUGHT TO BE, TAKE NOTE OF ITEM NO. 14  
25 WHERE IT CALLS FOR THE OPPOSITION TO LEGISLATION THAT WILL

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1 ADVISE MICRA AND IT EXPLICITLY SAID WHEN IT SAYS "TO IMPEDE  
2 EXCESS HEALTH CARE COSTS AND OR DIVERT HEALTHCARE DOLLARS FROM  
3 PATIENT CARE, LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2009." TAKE NOTE OF NO. 13,  
4 THEY "OPPOSE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD REVISE MEDICAL INJURY  
5 COMPENSATION REFORM ACT, OTHERWISE KNOWN TO US AS MICRA. IT  
6 ESSENTIALLY SPEAKS TO IMPEDING ACCESS, OR DIVERTING HEALTH  
7 CARE DOLLARS FROM PATIENT CARE. 2013-2014." OUR MOST RECENT  
8 TREATMENT OF IT. AND THE SAME WAS THE CASE IN 2011-2013. THE  
9 POINT IS MADE THERE, AS WELL. ANY INDICATION THAT THIS IS A  
10 NEW ITEM FOR THE BOARD IS SIMPLY UNFOUNDED. MR. CHAIRMAN, I  
11 THINK THE FACT THAT C.S.A.C., THE COUNTY CALIFORNIA STATE  
12 ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES TOOK THE POSITION OF OPPOSING  
13 PROPOSITION 46 IS NOTEWORTHY FOR US TO CONSIDER. IT'S NOT A  
14 NEW ISSUE. COMPELLING ISSUES ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS ARGUMENT. I  
15 TAKE THAT TO BE SERIOUSLY NO ONE SERIOUS, NO ONE WISHES TO  
16 DEMEAN TRAGEDIES OF ANY FAMILY THAT HAS EXPERIENCED SUCH  
17 CIRCUMSTANCES. THE FACT OF THE MATTER REMAINS THAT THE BOARD  
18 SEVERAL YEARS HAD IT AS ITS STANDING POLICY AND OPPOSITION TO  
19 SUCH AS IT COMES FORWARD IN PROPOSITION 46 IS NOT TO BE  
20 CONSIDERED A SURPRISE AT ALL. A COUNTY SAFETY NET IS OF  
21 CONCERN LEGITIMATELY. THE CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED ABOUT  
22 THE LEGISLATION OF THE INITIATIVE AS IT HAS COME FORWARD IS UP  
23 FOR DEBATE IS NOT A NEW ISSUE. NOTHING SURPRISING ABOUT THIS.  
24 IF THERE'S A DESIRE TO CONTINUE THE ITEM, WE OUGHT TO RESPECT  
25 THE REQUEST OF THOSE WHO WISH TO CONTINUE IT. BUT I WISH TO

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1 SAY NOTHING NEW HERE CONSISTENT WITH LONG-STANDING BOARD  
2 POLICY.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO THE DEBATE NOW.  
5 WE'LL GET INTO THAT NEXT WEEK. JUST FOR THE RECORD, THERE ARE  
6 SOME PEOPLE, MYSELF INCLUDED, WHO MAY NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS  
7 PROPOSITION WILL IMPEDE ACCESS, INCREASE HEALTHCARE COSTS  
8 AND/OR DIVERT HEALTHCARE DOLLARS FROM PATIENT CARE. WE'LL HAVE  
9 THAT DISCUSSION NEXT WEEK. AND I THINK SOME OF IT WAS  
10 FORESHADOWED IN SOME OF THE TESTIMONY YOU HEARD HERE TODAY. I  
11 DON'T THINK THERE IS NECESSARILY ANYTHING-- WE NOW HAVE A  
12 SPECIFIC INITIATIVE THAT'S BEFORE US ON THE BALLOT. AND WE'LL  
13 HAVE THAT DISCUSSION NEXT WEEK. IN THE INTEREST OF TIME, WE  
14 WILL HOLD OFF THAT. BUT THIS DOES NOT SUGGEST -- THERE'S  
15 NOTHING INCONSISTENT ABOUT THIS AND A DE NOVO VIEW OF PROP 46.  
16 THERE'S SOME WHO WOULD ARGUE TO THE CONTRARY. SOME WHO WILL  
17 ARGUE YOUR POINT OF VIEW.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND THAT'S FAIR. BUT THERE'S A LEGITIMATE  
20 DISCUSSION HERE.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M JUST NOT. LET'S LEAVE IT TO NEXT WEEK.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND THERE'S A LEGITIMATE DISCUSSION.  
25 PEOPLE CAN AND DO DIFFER. BUT THE FACT REMAINS THAT THE

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1 POSITION OF THE COUNTY FOR SOME YEARS, THIS BOARD, HAS BEEN TO  
2 OPPOSE MICRA REFORM. IT MAY CHOOSE TO DO OTHERWISE ON THIS  
3 INSTANCE. BUT ANY REPRESENTATION THAT THERE'S SOMETHING NEW,  
4 DIFFERENT EMERGING HERE IS SIMPLY UNSUBSTANTIATED FACTUALLY IN  
5 ERROR.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THAT WILL BE CONTINUED FOR TWO  
8 WEEKS.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** THIS IS A VERY TROUBLING ISSUE ON BOTH SIDES AND  
11 I KNOW THAT'S WHY I WANT TO TAKE THE TIME TO THINK ABOUT AS TO  
12 HOW WE PROCEED. WE IN THE COUNTY OPERATE AT BOTH LEVELS. FIRST  
13 OF ALL, WE PAY OUT THE LIABILITY OF MALPRACTICE. WE INDEMNIFY  
14 ALL OF OUR DOCTORS AND OUR SURGEONS AND OUR ANESTHESIOLOGISTS.  
15 THAT'S WHAT WE DO. AND SO CONSEQUENTLY, IT IS AN ESCALATING  
16 COST. AND I CERTAINLY HAVE BEEN A CRITIC OF THE ESCALATING  
17 COSTS OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE. BUT THE OTHER ASPECT OF IT IS IS  
18 WHEN YOU BREAK DOWN SOME OF THOSE ISSUES, THE TROUBLING PART  
19 ABOUT IT IS UNLESS THERE IS ACCOUNTABILITY, THOSE THINGS ARE  
20 GOING TO BE RECURRING. I HAVE BEEN A BIG PART OF PROPOSING  
21 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHEN IT COMES TO  
22 THE MEDICAL MALPRACTICE ISSUE. I REMEMBER BEING HERE LESS THAN  
23 30 DAYS WAY BACK IN 1992, AND I GOT A CALL FROM A LAWYER WHO  
24 WAS PRETTY UPSET WITH THE COUNTY BECAUSE HER CLIENT WAS IN THE  
25 PROCESS OF GOING THROUGH A SERIES OF DEPOSITIONS. AND SHE HAD

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1 BROUGHT IN A BABY AT OLIVE VIEW. AND OF COURSE THE BABY HAD  
2 DIED IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM. SHE HAD DELIVERED THE BABY FOUR  
3 DAYS EARLIER AT OLIVE VIEW AND HAD BEEN RELEASED TO HER. AND  
4 SO THE POINT IS THAT SHE WAS RELEASED WITHOUT AN ANAL OPENING,  
5 WHICH IS A VIOLATION OF LAW. SO WHEN SHE BROUGHT THE BABY  
6 BACK, OF COURSE THE BABY DIED. BUT THE QUESTIONS THAT WERE  
7 BEING ASKED AT THAT TIME OF THIS YOUNG WOMAN WAS: WHERE DID  
8 SHE GET THE FETUS? BECAUSE THIS CERTAINLY WASN'T THE SAME BABY  
9 THAT WAS RELEASED THAT DAY. WELL, IT WAS INTERESTING. THE  
10 LAWYER WAS PRETTY ANGRY ABOUT WHY WE WERE PURSUING THIS. WHEN  
11 I TALKED TO THE LAWYERS, THEY TOLD ME THAT WE -- I SAID "I  
12 DON'T THINK WE HAVE A DEFENSE HERE IF WE RELEASED THE CHILD  
13 AND THEN NOW WE'RE TRYING TO COVER THIS UP SOMEHOW." SO I'VE  
14 BEEN ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS ISSUE. AND UNLESS SHE WOULD HAVE  
15 HAD A LAWYER TO BE HER ADVOCATE, THE 17-YEAR-OLD WOULD HAVE NO  
16 WHERE TO GO BECAUSE OUR POSITION AT THAT TIME WAS THAT THE 17-  
17 YEAR-OLD MUST HAVE FOUND ANOTHER BABY TO BRING IN AND TO DIE  
18 IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM WHICH WAS REALLY ODD AND STRANGE. SO I  
19 HAVE SEEN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE FROM BOTH SIDES. I'VE ALSO SEEN  
20 WHEN WE HAVE SETTLED A CASE WHEN I DIDN'T THINK SHOULD BE  
21 SETTLED AND I ARGUED WITH THE LAWYERS AS TO WHY WE'RE SETTLING  
22 BECAUSE IN FACT THERE ARE MEDICAL ACCIDENTS THAT OCCUR AND  
23 THEY ARE TRULY ACCIDENTS. BUT WHEN I HEARD THE LAWYER TELL ME  
24 THAT "IF WE WENT TO COURT, WE WOULD HAVE TO ADMIT THAT WE DID  
25 NOT FOLLOW THE STANDARDS OF CARE, WE WOULD LOSE THE CASE."

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1 WHY, I FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT ANY DOCTOR WOULD BE  
2 PRACTICING IN L.A. COUNTY NOT FOLLOWING THE STANDARDS OF CARE.  
3 WHY WE WOULD DEFEND THAT? I DON'T KNOW. SO I'M ON BOTH SIDES  
4 OF IT. I'VE SEEN THE ESCALATING COSTS. I DON'T KNOW THAT THAT  
5 NECESSARILY SHOULD BE TACKED ON TO THOSE ISSUES. BUT I AM VERY  
6 CONCERNED. I'M CONCERNED HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. AND THAT'S WHY  
7 WE HAVE OUR CORRECTIVE ACTIONS. I'M NOT SURE YET WHERE TO FALL  
8 ON THE SIDE OF THIS. I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IT. BUT AT THE SAME  
9 TIME, I DO KNOW THAT THERE HAS TO BE ACCOUNTABILITY. AND THERE  
10 ARE A LOT OF LAWYERS THAT WILL RUN INTO COURT WITH ANY BROKEN  
11 TOENAIL THAT THEY CAN FIND. BUT THERE ARE REALLY LOT OF  
12 LEGITIMATE FOLKS THAT WITHOUT ACCESS TO A LAWYER WHO CAN AT  
13 LEAST RECOVER COSTS AND GET SOMETHING FOR THE WORK THAT THEY  
14 DO, MANY OF THE PEOPLE WOULD NOT FIND THE ABILITY TO FIND A  
15 LAWYER OR GET SOMEONE TO RESPOND TO THEIR ISSUES. I HAVEN'T  
16 DECIDED WHERE I'M GOING TO SIT ON THIS. I DON'T THINK THE  
17 COUNTY SHOULD BE TAKING A POSITION AT THIS POINT. I THINK IT'S  
18 A VERY PERSONAL ISSUE AND IT REALLY HAS, I THINK, COMPELLING  
19 VIEWPOINTS FROM EACH ONE. BUT WE SIT HERE AS SOMEONE WHO HAS  
20 TO PAY WITH TAXPAYER DOLLARS THESE INCREASED MEDICAL  
21 MALPRACTICE. BUT WE ALSO STAND AS RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE WHO  
22 SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE CURBING THE PROBLEMS OF MEDICAL  
23 MALPRACTICE WHERE THEY START. AND THAT IS IN OUR HOSPITALS, IN  
24 OUR CLINICS, AND WE NEED TO HOLD DOCTORS ACCOUNTABLE. AS YOU  
25 REMEMBER CLEARLY ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO I HAD A BATTLE WITH A

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1 COUPLE OF DOCTORS BECAUSE THEY WEREN'T REPORTING THESE  
2 INCIDENTS TO THE STATE. SO ACCOUNTABILITY WORKS ON ALL LEVELS.  
3 UNFORTUNATELY, THERE ARE MANY INSTANCES WITH MANY INSTITUTIONS  
4 THAT DON'T HOLD DOCTORS ACCOUNTABLE. AND VERY FRANKLY, THEY  
5 CAN BE VERY CAVALIER. THEY AREN'T LIKE THE KIND OF DOCTOR THAT  
6 WE JUST TALKED ABOUT EARLIER DR. NUNO, WHO WAS VERY  
7 RESPONSIBLE, SOMEONE WHO TOOK ACTION AND SPENT HOURS UPON  
8 HOURS. SO IT'S A TROUBLING ISSUE. IT'S A DIFFICULT ISSUE AND  
9 VERY FRANKLY I KNOW IT WAS ON THE GREEN SHEET BUT I HAVEN'T  
10 MADE A DECISION AND I'D LIKE TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT WILL BE A WEEK, THEN, THANK YOU. 46-  
13 B. PEOPLE HELD 46-P-- 46-B. 46-B. ANJULI KRONHEIM KATZ, AND  
14 LEILA PEDERSEN.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IT'S BEEN CALLED TO OUR  
17 ATTENTION THAT THOSE PERSONS WHO HELD THIS MATTER HAVE LEFT,  
18 THEREFORE I THINK WE SHOULD PROCEED WITH YOUR PERMISSION. AND  
19 IF I MAY, HAVING SAID EARLIER THAT THERE ARE NEARLY 1.2  
20 MILLION ELIGIBLE VOTING AGE CITIZENS WHO HAVE NOT REGISTERED  
21 TO VOTE IN THIS COUNTY, WE MAKE THE POINT THAT THE RIGHT TO  
22 VOTE AND CAST A BALLOT IS FUNDAMENTAL TO A HEALTHY CIVIC LIFE.  
23 SO THE MOTION IS REALLY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH DECLARING  
24 NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND  
25 ENCOURAGING ALL ELIGIBLE CITIZENS TO REGISTER TO VOTE. OUR



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1 REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK IS POISED TO DO A GOOD JOB.  
2 AND WITH THAT IN MIND, I WOULD HOPE THAT THE ITEMS BEFORE US  
3 WOULD BE PURSUED AS PRESENTED.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.  
6 THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM NO. 20 YOU HELD?

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JUST VERY BRIEFLY, MR. CHAIRMAN, ON ITEM  
13 NO. 20, THIS IS AN ITEM THAT HAS BEEN CONTINUED FOR A PRETTY  
14 LENGTHY PERIOD OF TIME. I JUST WANT TO QUICKLY READ IN A  
15 MOTION THAT I THINK CAN CAUSE US TO DISPOSE OF IT. AND IF YOU  
16 WOULD DISTRIBUTE THOSE TO THE OTHER MEMBERS, THAT WOULD BE  
17 HELPFUL. YOU MAY RECALL THAT "ASSEMBLY BILL 1522 RECENTLY  
18 SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR MANDATES THAT MOST EMPLOYERS, INCLUDING  
19 PUBLIC AGENCIES, PROVIDE PAID SICK DAYS TO EMPLOYEES WHO WORK  
20 30 OR MORE DAYS IN A CALENDAR YEAR. EARLIER THIS YEAR, THE  
21 'PURSUIT OF COUNTY POSITION' MEMO TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
22 THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS REPORTED  
23 THAT A.B.1522 WOULD IMPACT THOUSANDS OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES,  
24 INCLUDING, NUMBER ONE, THOSE WHO DID NOT CURRENTLY RECEIVE  
25 SICK LEAVE BENEFITS. TWO, NEWLY HIRED OR NEWLY PROMOTED

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1 EMPLOYEES WHO BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR COUNTY'S MEGAFLEX PROGRAM  
2 WHICH HAS ALTERNATIVE LEAVE BENEFITS. AND, THREE, ADDITIONAL  
3 REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES WHO DO NOT RECEIVE SICK LEAVE BENEFITS.  
4 THE C.E.O.'S BENEFITS AND COMPENSATION STAFF ESTIMATED THAT IN  
5 ORDER TO PROVIDE THESE EMPLOYEES WITH SICK BENEFITS AS DEFINED  
6 BY A.B.1522, THE COUNTY WOULD INCUR NOTABLE, AND I QUOTE  
7 "NOTABLE ANNUAL SALARY COSTS." SO LET ME JUST SIMPLY MOVE THAT  
8 "THE C.E.O. REPORT BACK IN 60 DAYS ON THE FISCAL AND BUDGETARY  
9 IMPACT OF A.B.1522. NUMBER 2, LOOK AT ALL OTHER COUNTY  
10 PROPOSITION A AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING CONTRACTS, SECURITY  
11 PERSONNEL, AND, THREE, THE COUNTY WORKFORCE BASED ON THOSE  
12 EMPLOYEE CATEGORIES ARTICULATED IN 'PURSUIT OF COUNTY  
13 POSITION' MEMO." THIS, I THINK, WOULD INFORM THE BOARD SO THAT  
14 WE CAN DISPOSE OF MATTERS IN THE FUTURE IN AN APPROPRIATE  
15 MATTER. I SO MOVE, MR. CHAIRMAN.

16  
17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S A SEPARATE ITEM, THOUGH. WE'RE  
18 STILL MOVING FORWARD THE ITEM AS RECOMMENDED AND THE REPORT  
19 BACK ON THE IMPACT OF 1522.

20  
21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AGREED.

22  
23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WITH THAT, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
24 THOMAS. SECONDED BY THE CHAIR. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

2

3    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I HELD ITEM 10. I THINK WE HAD SOME  
4    OTHER PEOPLE SIGN UP, TOO. I THINK THAT IT NEVER HURTS TO BE  
5    PREPARED OR TO LOOK AT THIS. I DO THINK THAT ESTABLISHING SOME  
6    SORT OF A PUBLIC HEARING BY E.M.S. SENDS THE WRONG MESSAGE AT  
7    THIS PARTICULAR POINT. I THINK THAT'S PREMATURE. THE REST OF  
8    IT I CAN LIVE WITH. BUT I DO THINK THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING IS  
9    PREMATURE. THAT SENDS SIGNALS THAT WE DON'T NEED TO SEND TO  
10   THE COMMUNITY, EITHER GOOD OR BAD. AND WE'RE NOT AT THAT POINT  
11   YET. THOSE OF US THAT HAVE LIVED THROUGH IT, INCLUDING  
12   YOURSELF, ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF E.M.S. HEARINGS, I JUST THINK  
13   THAT IF YOU CAN ELIMINATE THAT PIECE, I SUPPORT YOUR MOTION.

14

15   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. THE CHAIR'S SUPPORT OF THE  
16   MOTION IS IMPORTANT TO THE MAKER. THEREFORE, THE MESSAGE IS  
17   EFFECTIVELY ACCOMPLISHED. THEN TO THE EXTENT, MR. CHAIRMAN,  
18   THAT YOU WOULD CONCURR THAT AT THE TIME DEEMED APPROPRIATE  
19   THAT THE E.M.S. SERVICES COMMISSION HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING,  
20   WE'LL RE-VISIT IT WHEN DEEMED APPROPRIATE.

21

22   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ANYBODY ELSE?

23

24   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE, IN ADDITION  
25   TO THAT, THAT WE GO ON RECORD AS A COUNTY SENDING A FIVE-

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1 SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OPPOSING ANY SALE OF  
2 ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL UNLESS TRAUMA CARE IS MAINTAINED AT THE  
3 CURRENT LEVEL, WHICH I THINK IS LEVEL 2 AT THE HOSPITAL. I  
4 THINK WE NEED TO BE IN THE GAME FROM THIS POINT FORWARD. I  
5 WOULD MAKE THAT AMENDMENT. MR. CHAIRMAN, LET ME SEE IF WE CAN  
6 ASK FOR DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES TO COME FORWARD FOR A  
7 MOMENT AND GIVE SOME INSIGHTS IN TERMS OF PERSPECTIVE A MORE  
8 LOCAL OR AERIAL PERSPECTIVE ON THE ISSUE AT HAND.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SIR?

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DR. KATZ, ISN'T PART OF THE PROBLEM OR THE  
15 MAIN PART OF TRAUMAS, YOU HAVE TO HAVE SPECIALISTS ON CALL OR  
16 ON SITE 24 HOURS A DAY? SO THAT'S NOT THE HOSPITAL'S  
17 RESPONSIBILITY IF THE SPECIALISTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE. HOW DO WE  
18 RECONCILE THAT?

19

20 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** DR. MITCH KATZ, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH  
21 SERVICES. YOU'RE RIGHT, SIR, THAT HOSPITALS HAVE TO EMPLOY, IN  
22 THIS CASE, BECAUSE THEY NEED THESE SERVICES IN THE EMERGENCY  
23 DEPARTMENT. PART OF THE CONCERN IS THAT SOMETIMES HOSPITALS  
24 ARE UNWILLING TO SPEND THAT MONEY. AND THEY WANT TO CLOSE  
25 TRAUMA CENTERS BECAUSE THEY CAN BE UNPROFITABLE. EXACTLY FOR

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1 THE REASON YOU ARE STATING. THAT YOU HAVE TO HAVE A LARGE  
2 NUMBER OF PEOPLE THERE 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK WHETHER  
3 THEY'RE WORKING OR NOT BECAUSE YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT THE NEXT  
4 EMERGENCY WOULD BE. IF I MAY, JUST TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS  
5 THAT HAVE BEEN POSED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. ST.  
6 FRANCIS'S TRAUMA CATCHMENT AREA IS 690,000 PEOPLE. IT'S A VERY  
7 SUBSTANTIAL. THEY TAKE CARE OF 2,000 TRAUMA CASES PER YEAR, OR  
8 ROUGHLY 8 PERCENT OF ALL THE TRAUMA CASES WE HAVE IN THE  
9 COUNTY. TO GIVE YOU A SENSE OF THEIR LOCATION, THEY'RE ABOUT  
10 2-1/2 -- THEY'RE 11.8 MILES FROM HARBOR AND 13.2 MILES FROM  
11 CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL. SO PRETTY SUBSTANTIAL DISTANCES TO THE  
12 NEXT NEAREST MAJOR TRAUMA HOSPITAL, WHICH SUPPORTS THAT IT  
13 COULD BE QUITE A PROBLEM FOR COUNTY AND WOULD AFFECT THE  
14 TRAVEL TIMES, THE WAIT TIMES IF WE WERE TO LOSE THAT TRAUMA  
15 EMERGENCY ROOM.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WOULD YOU FEEL IT WOULD BE PRUDENT ON OUR  
18 PART TO ENGAGE WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND DO EVERYTHING WE  
19 CAN TO SUPPORT THE MAINTENANCE OF LEVEL 2 TRAUMA CARE AT ST.  
20 FRANCIS?

21

22 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** I WOULD SUPPORT DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN. I  
23 DON'T HAVE A GOOD SENSE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL; BUT YOU ALL  
24 KNOW THAT PART. I THINK AS A COUNTY --

25

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE SHOULDN'T BE BYSTANDERS IN THIS PROCESS,  
2   SHOULD WE?

3

4   **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** CORRECT. WE SHOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE  
5   TO BE CLEAR THAT OUR RESIDENTS REQUIRE THIS SERVICE.

6

7   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THEN IN ADDITION TO NOT DOING THE PUBLIC  
8   HEARING, WE WOULD DO THE LETTER, THEN.

9

10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO YOUR AMENDMENT  
11   AND HIS MOTION, THAT'S ALL.

12

13   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT TO LET HER KNOW  
14   EXACTLY WHERE WE'RE AT.

15

16   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT'S COMPATIBLE. I THINK THAT FOR US TO  
17   SEND THE MESSAGE THAT ALERTS D.H.S. THAT SOME DUE DILIGENCE  
18   NEEDS TO BE DONE. AND FIND A WAY TO APPRISE THE BOARD ON  
19   RESULTS OF YOUR REPORT BACK IS JUST VERY, VERY IMPORTANT. THE  
20   DATA YOU SHARE WITH US TODAY UNDERSCORES IT IN THE FOLLOWING  
21   SENSE, IT IS MATTER OF THOSE WHO EXPERIENCE SOME OF THE MOST  
22   SEVERE HEALTH CHALLENGES IN THE ENTIRE COUNTY HAPPEN TO BE IN  
23   THE SOUTHEAST PORTION OF THIS COUNTY AS RESIDENTS. THE EXTENT  
24   OF THAT IS THE CASE, FURTHER MAKE IT CLEAR THAT 2 PERCENT OF  
25   THE CASES, TRAUMA CASES THAT THE COUNTY HAVE SEEN BY THAT ONE

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1 FACILITY. WELL, IT'S ALREADY RECOGNIZED THAT TRAUMA CARE IS  
2 UNDERSTAFFED IN THE SOUTHEAST PORTION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS  
3 ANGELES. WE JUST DID AN EXTRAORDINARY PIECE OF WORK WITH  
4 HARBOR- U.C.L.A. OPENING UP THE NEW TRAUMA CARE FACILITY  
5 THERE, EXCEPTIONAL. BUT IT WOULD BE A HUGE STEP BACKWARDS. IT  
6 IS THE CURRENT UNDERSTANDING THAT POTENTIALLY ONE OF THE  
7 BIDDERS IN THE INSTANCE OF THE ST. FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER HAS  
8 A LONG-ESTABLISHED RECORD OF DOWNGRADING SERVICES. WE CAN ILL  
9 AFFORD ALLOWING THAT TO HAPPEN WITHOUT COMING FORTH  
10 PROACTIVELY TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNTY AND MORE  
11 FUNDAMENTALLY TO PROTECT THE SAFETY NET IN ADVANCE SERVICE  
12 THOSE PERSPECTIVE PATIENTS. AND THAT'S THE TRUST OF THE  
13 MOTION, THAT WHICH HAS BEEN SUGGESTED BY WAY OF AMENDMENT AND  
14 IN THE INSTANCE OF THE CHAIRMAN AS WELL AS SUPERVISOR  
15 YAROSLAVSKY, CERTAINLY DO NO DAMAGE TO THE MOTION. I THINK THE  
16 MESSAGE IS DELIVERED IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER.

17  
18 **RICHARD WEISS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'M SORRY. MAY I MAKE ONE POINT?  
19 UNDER STATE LAW THAT IN THE EVENT A NOTICE IS PROVIDED OF A  
20 POTENTIAL CLOSURE E.M.S. IS REQUIRED TO DO AN IMPACT REPORT  
21 AND A HEARING MUST BE HELD UNDER STATE LAW. SO WE WERE TALKING  
22 ABOUT DELAYING AT THIS POINT, I ASSUME. WE'RE JUST TALKING  
23 ABOUT POSTPONING BUT NOT TAKING AN ACTION TO PROHIBIT?

24  
25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO.



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1

2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF THERE'S A REQUIRED HEARING, THE REQUIRE  
3 HEARING WILL GO FORWARD.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IN THAT CASE WE HAVE TO DO IT WAS MY  
6 POINT.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE HEARING WAS AHEAD OF THAT.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S WRONG MESSAGE TO SEND. OKAY, WITH  
11 THOSE CHANGES.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, LET ME JUST READ THIS BECAUSE  
14 YOU WERE ON THE SAME WAVELENGTH AS ME ON THE OTHER ITEM. SO ON  
15 THIS OTHER AMENDMENT. SO I JUST WANT TO READ THE AMENDMENT  
16 RATHER THAN JUST VERBALIZE IT FROM MEMORY. "SEND A FIVE-  
17 SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL URGING HER TO PROTECT  
18 LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS BY SUPPORTING THE CONTINUED  
19 OPERATIONS OF THE LEVEL 2 TRAUMA CENTER AT ST. FRANCIS MEDICAL  
20 CENTER. THE LETTER SHOULD ALSO EXPRESS THE COUNTY'S STRONG  
21 OPPOSITION TO POTENTIAL SALE OF ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL TO A  
22 BUYER WHO WOULD REDUCE THESE CRITICAL TRAUMA SERVICES."

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S GO BACK TO. I KNOW  
25 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH READ AN AMENDMENT INTO ITEM 2?

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1

2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** COULD WE VOTE ON THIS?

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU MOVED IT. THE CHAIR SECONDED. WITH  
5 THOSE CHANGES, SO ORDERED. SORRY. ITEM NO. 2 IT'S ON THE TABLE  
6 AS A 2-2 VOTE WHICH MEANS IT WOULD FAIL. YOU READ IN THE  
7 AMENDMENT THAT YOU'D LIKE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS. SUPERVISOR  
8 MOLINA WOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY, I MEAN IF WE CAN -- I GUESS  
9 IT'S GOING TO BE A DECISION WHETHER WE WANT TO DISCUSS IT IN  
10 TWO WEEKS OR JUST VOTE IT UP OR DOWN TODAY, ITEM NO. 2 ON  
11 GOVERNANCE. PRIOR TO YOUR ARRIVAL, TWO RECORDED NO VOTES ALL  
12 RIGHT, OKAY. NO PROBLEM.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT WE NEED TO DISPOSE OF THIS ONE WAY OR  
15 THE OTHER SOON BECAUSE I THINK IT WILL BEGIN TO IMPACT  
16 RECRUITMENT PROCESS.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, EXACTLY.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S AMBIGUOUS. IT COULD IT POTENTIALLY  
21 IMPACT OUR RECRUITMENT PROCESS BECAUSE IT'S NOT CLEAR WHAT THE  
22 STRUCTURE'S GOING TO BE WITH THIS THING HANGING ON THE AGENDA  
23 EVERY WEEK. SO I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH TWO MORE WEEKS.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** (OFF MIC) .

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** EVERYBODY WILL BE HERE NEXT WEEK. WE'LL  
3 CONTINUE IT ONE WEEK.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ONE WEEK, THAT'S FINE.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK. DO WE HAVE  
8 PUBLIC COMMENT? WE'VE GOT DIANA BEARD-WILLIAM FROM LANCASTER  
9 FIRST, THEN ROBERT LUCAS, ARNOLD SACHS, HELEN TAYLOR. OKAY.  
10 DIANA BEARD, WERE YOU UP THERE IN LANCASTER?

11

12 **DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** YES, I AM, SIR.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, GO AHEAD.

15

16 **DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** I'M AS BIG AS LIFE. LISTEN, I WANTED TO  
17 APPEAR TODAY BECAUSE I OFTEN COME AND I COMPLAIN ABOUT ISSUES  
18 IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. AND ONE OF THE THINGS I WANTED TO SAY  
19 TO THE BOARD IS THAT THERE IS NOT A PERSONAL ISSUE WITH ME IN  
20 TERMS OF THE THINGS THAT I BRING FORWARD. IT'S A VERY  
21 PROFESSIONAL ISSUE WITH ME AND A SPIRITUAL ISSUE WITH ME IN  
22 TERMS OF MANY OF THE THINGS THAT I'VE SEEN OVER THE LAST 25  
23 YEARS. AND BECAUSE I'M NOT IN THE BEST OF HEALTH, WHAT I HAVE  
24 DONE IS ESTABLISH A GROUP CALLED A TASTE OF JUSTICE BECAUSE  
25 MANY OF THE DOCUMENTS THAT I DO HAVE, SUCH AS HUNDREDS OF

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1 BOOKS LIKE THIS, WHICH I SAY DOCUMENT CORRUPTION IN THE  
2 MICHAEL ANTONOVICH COURTHOUSE, THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS, DIFFERENT  
3 PLACES LIKE THAT ARE THINGS THAT I WANT TO BRING FORWARD AND I  
4 WANT TO ADDRESS. BUT I DON'T WANT IT TO JUST BE ON MYSELF  
5 BECAUSE OF MY HEALTH. I WANT TO QUICKLY TELL YOU SOMETHING IN  
6 MY SECONDS THAT I HAVE LEFT ALSO ABOUT A WOMAN WHO HAS ONE OF  
7 THE HIGHEST SECURITY CLEARANCES IN THIS VALLEY, A BLACK  
8 ENGINEER. I DON'T WANT TO MENTION HER NAME. SHE WAS PULLED  
9 OVER BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. SHE WAS VAGINALLY SEARCHED  
10 IN PUBLIC, VAGINALLY SEARCHED IN PUBLIC. SHE TOOK THE CASE TO  
11 DISTRICT COURT. SHE ONE PART OF THE CASE. SHE DID NOT MAKE  
12 MUCH MONEY BECAUSE THE JUDGE REDUCED WHAT THE JURY WANTED TO  
13 AWARD HER. BUT SHE WAS A TOP-FLIGHT ENGINEER. SHE WAS RACIALLY  
14 PROFILED. THEY COULD NOT EVEN EXPLAIN WHY THEY HAD PULLED HER  
15 OVER, LET ALONE VAGINALLY SEARCHED HER IN PUBLIC. THESE ARE  
16 THE KIND OF THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY.  
17 AND THE TASTE OF JUSTICE, THE GROUP THAT I AM STARTING, IS  
18 HOPEFULLY GOING TO BRING FORWARD TO YOU THAT WE ARE RUN LIKE A  
19 PLANTATION. AND I EXPECT MORE OF YOU, MIKE, EVEN THOUGH YOU  
20 ARE TERMING OUT, DON'T RUN AWAY FROM US. DON'T COVER UP FOR  
21 THEM, MIKE. WE TALK ABOUT PEOPLE ON PAROLE, WE HAVE WHITE-  
22 COLLAR CRIME HERE, TOO. AND IT'S HORRIBLE. THANK YOU. AND GOD  
23 BLESS.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANKS. NEXT?

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1  
2 **HELEN TAYLOR:** HI, MY NAME IS HELEN TAYLOR. I HAVE BEEN  
3 HOMELESS IN THIS CITY A COUPLE OF TIMES ILLEGALLY FORECLOSED  
4 ON. MY BANK ACCOUNTS HAVE BEEN RIPPED OFF. HOWEVER, AFTER  
5 BEING HOMELESS, I WAS PUT ON SECTION 8 AND PUT INTO A  
6 BUILDING. THAT BUILDING IS NOW THREATENING TO THROW ME OUT  
7 AFTER TWO YEARS FOR ANY LITTLE THING. THEY'VE COME IN, MY  
8 DOCTOR TOOK PICTURES OF HOW I LOOK BEHIND SOMEBODY PUTTING  
9 SOMETHING IN MY FOOD. THEY COME IN WHEN THEY WANT TO, THEY  
10 TREAT YOU BAD. HOWEVER I HAD FOUR ATTORNEYS THAT HAVE ALL BEEN  
11 PAID OFF. HERE'S A COPY OF ONE OF THE FORECLOSURES THAT I  
12 NEVER GOT THE MONEY FROM. THIS IS THE DEED ON MY HOUSE AT 4180  
13 DONNA-LOUISE DRIVE. I NEVER GOT THE MONEY ON THAT. THIS IS THE  
14 DEED FROM 4612 THAT WAS JUST SOLD TWO MONTHS AGO AND 4612 AND  
15 4610 THAT WAS TAKEN ILLEGALLY I WAS LOCKED OUT OF GOING TO  
16 CHURCH. EVERYTHING I OWNED INCLUDING MY SON'S BABY PICTURES  
17 WERE TAKEN. I HAVE HAD FIVE THREATS ON MY LIFE. I'VE HAD FOUR  
18 CARS SABOTAGED. I HAVE ALL MY COMPUTERS SABOTAGED. THIS IS THE  
19 LETTER FROM ONE GENTLEMAN SAID HE HAD MONEY FOR ME TO RETURN  
20 TO ME BUT I NEVER GOT THE MONEY. THAT'S A COPY OF IT. AND THIS  
21 IS WHY A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE HOMELESS IN LOS ANGELES BECAUSE  
22 THERE'S NOBODY TO SPEAK FOR THEM. I HAVE PAID FOUR ATTORNEYS.  
23 THEY ALL GAVE UP THE GHOST. THEY ALL GOT PAID, DROPPED MY  
24 CASE. I WAS WALKING THE STREETS FOR 18 MONTHS WITH A SUITCASE  
25 LIKE THE REST OF THE WOMEN. AND NOW THEY CLOSED UP MY

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1 NONPROFIT THAT I HAD OPENED UP FOR HOUSING FOR HOMELESS  
2 PEOPLE. ALL OF A SUDDEN WHEN I PUT IN THE MARKET PLAN FOR THE  
3 MONEY JULY, THEY TELL ME THEY SENT ME A LETTER AND SOLD MY  
4 NONPROFIT AFTER 17 YEARS. HERE'S A LETTER SHOWING THAT I HAD  
5 ALREADY REPORTED MAIL FRAUD BECAUSE MY MAIL COMES OPEN. SO I'D  
6 LIKE FOR THE COUNTY OF L.A. TO START DOING SOMETHING FOR THE  
7 HOMELESS PEOPLE BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF US THAT ARE HOMELESS  
8 BECAUSE SOMEONE TOOK OUR PROPERTIES AND THREW US IN THE  
9 STREETS. WE DIDN'T LOSE OUR MINDS. WE JUST LOST OUR  
10 PROPERTIES.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

13

14 **ROBERT LUCAS:** MY NAME IS ROBERT LUCAS. I REALIZE WE ONLY GOT  
15 TWO MINUTES. I HAD A REALLY SUPERNATURAL STORY TO TELL YOU  
16 FROM SANTA MONICA BUT I'LL SAVE IT FOR NEXT WEEK. I HAVE  
17 EMPATHY FOR EVERYBODY WITH THIS COUGH BECAUSE I'VE HAD IT FOR  
18 THE LAST THREE WEEKS AND I'M HAVING A ROUGH TIME SHAKING IT  
19 MYSELF. I SPENT THE LAST 14 DAYS FROM THE BORDERLINE OF L.A.  
20 COUNTY ALL THE WAY DOWN TO MALIBU INTERACTING WITH ABOUT 300  
21 PEOPLE THAT I'M TRYING TO HELP WITH A LITTLE BIT OF A  
22 SOLUTION. IT WAS, YEAH, WELL ONCE YOU GET DOWN THAT FAR, THE  
23 HOMELESS ARE VERY FEW. THE THING ABOUT IT IS IS A LOT OF THE  
24 THINGS IN COMMON WITH SOME OF THE HOMELESS AND THE MENTALLY  
25 ILL IS THEY HAVEN'T QUITE BEEN BAD ENOUGH TO GO TO JAIL OR

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1 PRISON TO QUALIFY FOR SOME OF THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL  
2 PROGRAMS THAT ARE CONTRACTED WITH THE COUNTY AND THE STATE TO  
3 GET IN. AND I'VE HAD AN EXPERIENCE WITH THIS MYSELF. IT'S A  
4 LITTLE FRUSTRATING THE THING IS THAT WHEN YOU INTERACT WITH  
5 THESE PEOPLE ON A DAILY BASIS, YOU BEGIN TO DEVELOP AN EMPATHY  
6 FOR THEM BECAUSE YOU HEAR THEIR STORIES. AND WHEN THEY REALIZE  
7 THAT YOU CARE AND HOPE IS AWAKENED, YOU START TO DEVELOP A  
8 RAPPORT. THEY'LL START TO TAKE SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO DO SOME  
9 THINGS DIFFERENT. IT'S BEEN A REMARKABLE EXPERIENCE FROM ONE  
10 END OF L.A. COUNTY TO THE OTHER. I WOULDN'T TRADE IT FOR  
11 ANYTHING IN THE WORLD. ONE OTHER THING. I WENT TO THE 9/11  
12 MEMORIAL UP IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING CENTER. ONE OF THE  
13 MOST MOVING EXPERIENCES THAT IGNITED SOME PASSION IN ME AGAIN  
14 ABOUT SOME OF THE VICTIMS THAT I SEE ON A DAILY BASIS, THE  
15 HOPELESSNESS, THE SORROW, THE DISAPPOINTMENT. I LOVE YOU ALL.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'D ASK RITA BRANCH TO JOIN US. ORION  
18 MOORE, JOSE MARTINEZ. CAMERON LYONS. STILL HERE? HARRIET  
19 ELLIOTT? OKAY. GOP AHEAD.

20

21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.  
22 AND THIS WEEK METRO IS BACK IN BUSINESS. THEY'RE HAVING THEIR  
23 COMMITTEE MEETINGS. AS YOU CAN SEE, THIS IS A PILE OF METRO  
24 COMMITTEE MEETINGS. 70 ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. FORTUNATELY, THE  
25 METRO BOARD HAS TAKEN THE ACTION TO LIMIT PUBLIC INPUT.



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1 ALTHOUGH THEY'RE SPENDING MONEY ON SUPPOSEDLY FIVE PROJECTS,  
2 METRO RAIL PROJECT IF YOU WANT TO BELIEVE WHAT THE NEWSPAPERS  
3 WRITE. BUT THEY'RE LIMITING THE PUBLIC INPUT TO THREE MINUTES  
4 ON THESE ITEMS IN EACH COMMITTEE MEETING. AND THE ONES THAT  
5 MAKE IT TO THE BOARD MEETING, THREE MINUTES ON THE WHOLE  
6 AGENDA. IT'S FASCINATING WHEN YOU FIND OUT HOW SCARED THEY ARE  
7 OF LOSING THEIR EMPLOYEES BECAUSE PEOPLE GET UP AND ACTUALLY  
8 ASK QUESTIONS, SO THEY DECIDE WELL WE DON'T REALLY WANT TO  
9 ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS AND WE DON'T REALLY WANT TO HEAR PUBLIC  
10 COMMENT. WE WILL ELIMINATE A STATUTE, WHATEVER, A RULE, IT WAS  
11 A MINUTE PER ITEM THAT STOOD FOR 16 YEARS. WAS IT 16 OR 18  
12 YEARS, SUPERVISOR KNABE, BEFORE YOU GOT THAT FEATHER UP YOU  
13 AND THEN YOU DECIDED YOU DIDN'T WANT TO HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC  
14 ANYMORE BECAUSE YOU REALLY PUSHED THAT ONE WHEN YOU HAD.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'M LISTENING TO YOU.

17

18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** DENISE DUBOIS WAS TALKING BUT YOUR LIPS WERE  
19 MOVING. BUT, AGAIN, SO YOU DIDN'T FIGHT IT. YOU DIDN'T SAY NO,  
20 WE NEED TO HAVE IT. NO, NO, NO. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE  
21 IF SAME PROBLEM HERE. BUT IT'S TOUGH. BECAUSE SO MUCH WAS  
22 COUNTING ON IT. AND TO KNOW THAT THE COUNTY, WITH \$4 BILLION  
23 BUDGET INCREASE, SHOW US \$4 BILLION IN IMPROVEMENTS.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANKS. NEXT?

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1

2 **ORION MOORE:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ORION MOORE AND I'M WITH  
3 (INAUDIBLE) EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE  
4 TRAINING, TUTORS CLUB, I'M SORRY. THE STRATEGIC PLAN IS RIGHT  
5 HERE. YOU SHOULD HAVE IT ON EACH ONE OF THE SUPERVISOR'S  
6 DESKS. I WON'T WASTE MY THREE MINUTES. OUR STRATEGIC PLAN,  
7 THIS UPDATED MANDATORY STRATEGIC PLAN OF ACTION IS WRITTEN TO  
8 BE MADE VERY CLEAR, SIMPLE AND GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT.  
9 ENCOURAGING AND CONVINCING THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS, AMBULANCE  
10 COMPANIES, PARAMEDICS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS, NURSES  
11 AND DOCTORS AND THE HOSPITALS TO RENEW THEIR COMMITMENTS WITH  
12 (INAUDIBLE) EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE  
13 TUTORS CLUB FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTINUING TRAINING AT-RISK  
14 CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS WHO LIVE IN POVERTY STRICKEN,  
15 ECONOMICALLY DEPRIVED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. ALL OUR  
16 POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS SUCH AS L.A. CITY COUNCIL  
17 MEMBERS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, UNITED STATES CONGRESS  
18 MEMBERS, STATE SENATORS, LOS ANGELES URBAN LEAGUES, SOUTHERN  
19 CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP, N.A.A.C.P., MAYOR GIL GARCETTI, PARENTS  
20 OF WATTS, THE BLACK AMERICAN POLITICAL ASSOCIATION OF  
21 CALIFORNIA AND THE MEXICAN AMERICAN POLITICAL ASSOCIATION OF  
22 CALIFORNIA ARE ENCOURAGED TO ENDORSE THIS PROGRAM AS WELL. OUR  
23 MISSION STATEMENT IS TO COLLABORATE AND PARTNER WITH THE LOS  
24 ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE CALIFORNIA YOUTH  
25 AUTHORITY, FIRE DEPARTMENTS, PRIVATE-OWNED AMBULANCE

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1 COMPANIES, THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS AND THE L.A. BEST AFTER  
2 SCHOOL PROGRAM TO SEEK OUT AND IDENTIFY THESE STUDENTS AND  
3 MEMBERS WHO EXPRESS A SINCERE DESIRE AND INTEREST IN HELPING  
4 IN STABILIZING VICTIMS UNTIL IN SOME CASES THEY COULD SAVE  
5 LIVES UNTIL THE AMBULANCE OR FIRE DEPARTMENT OR NURSES, DOCTOR  
6 ARRIVES ON THE SCENE. OUR OBJECTIVES ARE TO CONVINCE, ONCE  
7 AGAIN, PARAMEDICS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS, NURSES AND  
8 DOCTORS AND FIREFIGHTERS TO BECOME VOLUNTEER TUTORS AND  
9 MENTORS.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. THANK YOU.

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13 **ORION MOORE:** 323-663-1214. ORION MOORE. SEND IN YOUR DONATIONS  
14 AND HELP ME OUT.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT I'D ASK EVELYN CRAWFORD TO JOIN US.  
17 ERIC PREVEN, JOHN WALSH. YES, MA'AM?

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19 **HARRIET ELLIOTT:** MY NAME IS HARRIET ELLIOTT. MY SON DIED 21  
20 YEARS AGO AT THE AGE OF 17. SOME OF THE DEATH REPORTS SAYS AN  
21 UNKNOWN ASSAILANT SHOT INTO A PARTY. MY SON'S AUTOPSY REPORTS  
22 THAT THERE WAS NO ALCOHOL AND DRUGS IN HIM. THIS WAS A 17-  
23 YEAR-OLD AFRICAN-AMERICAN MIXED CHILD. MY SON WAS A POLITICAL  
24 ACTIVIST. AT THE TIME, THE POLICE SAID IT MAY HAVE BEEN GANG  
25 RELATED. SO OF COURSE YOU'RE STUNNED BY THIS. AND YOU DON'T

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1 CHECK INTO IT. AND MY MOTHER HAD DIED PREVIOUS TO MY SON, SO I  
2 DIDN'T HAVE ANYONE TELLING ME: GO PAY A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR.  
3 NOW THE QUESTIONS I HAVE, I'M NOT GOING FOR MONEY. I'M NOT  
4 GOING INTO A COURT SYSTEM. I'M NOT GOING FOR MONEY. I'M GOING  
5 BECAUSE I THINK HE WAS A POLITICAL ACTIVIST AND THAT A LOT OF  
6 PEOPLE DON'T KNOW THAT MAYBE OUR KIDS ARE BEING TARGETED. I  
7 HAVE A FRIEND, I WENT TO LA PUENTE HIGH SCHOOL AND WE WENT  
8 OVER TO WORKMAN THE LAST TWO YEARS. ONE OF MY -- WE WERE IN A  
9 LIBERAL CLIQUE. WE GRADUATED IN '69. FRED COON, I TALKED TO  
10 HIM. HIS SON DIED ABOUT THE SAME TIME. HE'S HIGHER THAN A  
11 PRINCIPAL. I GRADUATED IN 44 YEARS OLD AND FRED COON GRADUATED  
12 NORMAL TIME WHEN YOU'RE 22 OR SO. HE SELF-IDENTIFIES AS VERY  
13 EXTREMELY LIBERAL. AND I TRY TO SEND HIM EMAILS, DO YOU EVER  
14 THINK OUR KIDS ACTUALLY DIED FOR ANOTHER REASON? ANYWAY, I'M  
15 WANTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS JUST TO HELP AMEND SECTION  
16 6254 OF THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE, A PUBLIC RECORDS ACT  
17 SO THAT UNSOLVED MURDER CASES ARE AUTOMATICALLY CLOSED AFTER  
18 10 YEARS. I'M WANTING TO KNOW IF YOU'LL GET BEHIND THIS.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. NEXT.

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22 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM  
23 DISTRICT 3. FEW LITTLE UPDATES. TONIGHT AT 6 P.M. AT U.C.L.A.,  
24 I KNOW THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE INTERESTED IN THIS  
25 CONTEST. SHEILA KUEHL AND BOBBY SCHRIVER WILL BE FACING OFF IN

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1 AN ALL-TIME SUPERVISORIAL SMACK DOWN DEBATE, WE LOOK FORWARD  
2 TO YOUR ATTENDANCE HOPEFULLY. TOMORROW -- NOT TOMORROW,  
3 THURSDAY, 1:30 IN THE AFTERNOON. MR. WEISS AND HIS TEAM WILL  
4 BE FACING OFF AGAINST THE A.C.L.U. AND MR. PREMIN IN ANOTHER  
5 SILLY LITTLE KNOCK DOWN ABOUT LEGAL BILLING, DROOYAN NUMBERS  
6 AND THINGS LIKE THAT. SO I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO MAKE YOUR  
7 PRESENCE KNOWN THERE, AS WELL. SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS REALLY  
8 BEEN A TIRELESS ADVOCATE FOR THE COUNTY IN RESPECT TO THESE  
9 LIABILITY ISSUES. I JUST WANT TO REMIND OF HER PREPARED  
10 SPEECHES AROUND THIS TIME OF YEAR THAT WE ARE WOEFULLY LATE AT  
11 THE JUNE 30TH REPORTING LAST YEAR. SO WE'D LIKE TO SEE THE  
12 LIABILITY NUMBERS SO WE COULD INFORM OURSELVES ABOUT, FOR  
13 EXAMPLE, THE 46 WHICH IS THE HOT ISSUE FOR ALL THE  
14 SUPERVISORS, SEE HOW THINGS HAVE BEEN GOING IN THE MEDICAL  
15 MALPRACTICE SPACE, FRANKLY. AND TO CLOSE I GUESS VOTER  
16 REGISTRATION DAY WAS IDENTIFIED TODAY BY MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS.  
17 AND I THINK IT'S FAIR TO SAY THAT NOBODY APPRECIATES VOTER  
18 TURNOUT THAN MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. THAT BOTH HIGH AND LOW VOTER  
19 TURNOUT DEPENDING UPON THE NEED AT THE TIME. AND I JUST WANT  
20 TO REFLECT THE PUBLIC'S CONCERN THAT 9 OR 10 PERCENT OF THESE  
21 ELECTIONS IS DISMAL. HE'S PUSHING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION TO  
22 GET THOSE NUMBERS UP. IT'S WORTH NOTING IN SWEDEN ON SUNDAY  
23 THERE WAS AN ELECTION. THIS MAY BE SOMETHING TO REACH FOR. I  
24 THINK 84 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION CAME OUT TO VOTE. SO THAT'S  
25 SOMETHING TO DREAM ABOUT IN THE FUTURE. MAYBE THIS

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1 SUPERVISORIAL TEAM SHOULD SEND SOME OF THEIR DEPUTIES OVER  
2 THERE TO KIND OF RESEARCH HOW IT WORKS. IT'S CERTAINLY A NICE  
3 PLACE TO VISIT. AND THAT CONCLUDES MY REMARKS FOR TODAY. THANK  
4 YOU.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT, MA'AM?

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8 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGH LANDS.ORG OR  
9 JWALSH CONFIDENTIAL TWEETING @HOLLYWOODDEMS. I HAVE NO  
10 INTEREST IN THE PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE WHO VOTE. I SAY TO  
11 ANYBODY WHO IS GOING TO VOTE AGAINST MY CANDIDATE: PLEASE  
12 DON'T VOTE. WHY SHOULD I WANT THEM TO VOTE? I ONLY WANT THE  
13 PEOPLE ON MY SIDE TO VOTE. AS FAR AS THE ELECTION BETWEEN  
14 SHEILA KUEHL AND BOBBY SHRIVER, SHRIVER'S PLAYING DIRTY. HE  
15 SAYS THAT SHEILA KUEHL IS THE WORST THING THAT HAPPENED TO THE  
16 KENNEDY CLAN SINCE LEE HARVEY OSWALD. THAT'S THE WHISPERING  
17 CAMPAIGN HE HAS. WE'RE GOING TO DEFEAT HIM. WHAT A GREAT DAY  
18 TO SEE ZEV LEAVE AND TO SEE SHEILA KUEHL COME IN FROM STARS IN  
19 ONE OF MY FAVORITE MOVIES "7 BRIDES FOR 7 BROTHERS," SHEILA  
20 KUEHL WHEN SHE WAS ABOUT 8 YEARS OLD. AND AS FAR AS, YOU KNOW,  
21 I WISH THEY COULD BOTH LOSE, BUT YOU CAN'T BOTH LOSE. SO WE  
22 ARE PICKING GLORIA MOLINA. NO ONE COULD BE MEANER THAN GLORIA  
23 MOLINA ON THE CITY COUNCIL. BUT WE ARE PICKING HER UNLESS SHE  
24 VOTES TO CUT OUR TIME DOWN AT M.T.A. TO 3 MINUTES. AND WE WILL  
25 FILE A LEGAL OBJECTION TO THAT. IT IS UNREASONABLE TO THE --

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1 IT IS AN UNREASONABLE REFLECTION OF THE BROWN ACT. AND WE  
2 THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, IT'S REALLY HORRIBLE. POOR GLORIA. SHE  
3 CAN'T ACT NASTY FOR THE NEXT THREE OR FOUR MONTHS, IT'S  
4 DRIVING HER CRAZY. SHE'S ACTUALLY LOST SIX OUNCES.  
5 HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. SEE, SHE CAN'T EVEN SAY WHAT SHE WANTS  
6 TO SAY BECAUSE I HAVE PEOPLE, IF SHE SAYS ANYTHING, SHE LOSES  
7 VOTES. BUT THEN AGAIN, REMEMBER, YOU DIDN'T HAVE SEX WITH  
8 ANYONE WHO WORKS AT YOUR OFFICE LIKE HUIZAR DID.  
9 HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ALL THE GOSSIP. YES, MA'AM.

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13 **SPEAKER:** YES, BEFORE I START CAN I -- I'VE BEEN HERE SEVENTH  
14 OR EIGHTH TIME.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVE HER MIC, I CAN'T HEAR.

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18 **SPEAKER:** BEFORE I START, KIND OF NERVOUS. I'M SORRY.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD AND START.

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22 **SPEAKER:** NO. I JUST WANT TO SAY SOMETHING BEFORE YOU PENALIZE  
23 ME THREE MINUTES. I'VE BEEN HERE AND MY DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN  
24 HERE, WAYNE DOS, D.A.'S OFFICE, IN HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES,  
25 FOSTER CARE CHILDREN SERVICES. BUT I'M HERE AGAIN BECAUSE I'M



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1 NOT GOING TO GIVE UP. I JUST WANT TO KNOW HOW MUCH LONGER WILL  
2 I HAVE TO CONTINUE TO SHARE, COMPROMISE AND HELP NONWORKING OR  
3 PEOPLE WHO NEVER WORK FOR L.A. COUNTY, I'M CURRENTLY OUT OF  
4 SERVICE. AND I'M BEING REDUNDANT. MOST OF THE PEOPLE I WORKED  
5 WITH ARE RETIRED. GARCETTI. GEORGE HAYWOOD FROM RISK  
6 MANAGEMENT. YVONNE BURKE. AND BECAUSE I WAS ESCORTED OUT OF MY  
7 OFFICE IN 2000, I'M BEING REDUNDANT. AND I HAD MINOR SURGERY.  
8 THEY HAVE CONTINUED TO SKIP OVER ME. I HAVE TO SHARE WITH LIKE  
9 OUT OF SERVICE. I'M OUT OF SERVICE. MY DEPARTMENT COMMERCE,  
10 CHILD SUPPORT. THEY ADVISED ME WHEN I CALLED THEM, THEY TOLD  
11 ME ACTUALLY 2008 I COULDN'T REINSTATE. I DON'T WANT TO SIT ON  
12 LONG-TERM DISABILITY AT 60 PERCENT UNTIL I'M 65. I'VE BEEN OUT  
13 OF WORK SINCE I WAS, WHAT, IT WAS 2000. STEVE COOLEY. I'VE  
14 BEEN TO THE D.A.'S OFFICE, LISA GARRETT, CATHERINE AUSTRIA,  
15 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. I HAVE COPIES OF MY DEMANDS AND  
16 COMPLAINTS. AND MY MAIN CONCERN IS MY HEALTH BECAUSE I WENT TO  
17 THE DOCTOR AND THE DENTIST. THEY TOLD ME I NEED ROOT CANALS  
18 BUT THEY SAY I'M CONNECTED TO TWO OR THREE OTHER PEOPLE THEY  
19 WON'T HELP ME. T.H.E. CLINIC ON WESTERN NEAR EXPOSITION. THE  
20 CLINIC TO HELP EVERYONE. I HAD AN ULTRASOUND. DO YOU PEOPLE  
21 KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HIPAA? PHILIP BROWNING, STEVEN GOLIGHTLY,  
22 MY DEPARTMENT, I HAVE 27 YEARS PRO-LACERA. I'M NOT RETIRED. I  
23 GET 60 PERCENT PAY SINCE 2000. I HAVE NOT HAD A RAISE SINCE  
24 2000. I GET \$1,600 A MONTH. I HAVE GAINED 130 POUNDS. I NEED  
25 SOMEBODY TO DO SOMETHING NOW. CAN ANYBODY TELL ME HOW MUCH

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1 LONGER? WHAT IS HIPAA? EVERYTHING YOU PEOPLE SAID TODAY,  
2 NOBODY EVER SAID ANYTHING TO ME.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** TIME IS UP.

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6 **SPEAKER:** THEY NEVER SAID. I HAD SURGERY AT KAISER.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM, YOUR TIME'S UP. THANK YOU. ALL  
9 RIGHT. YOU CAN GIVE US ANYTHING YOU WANT. COPY.

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11 **SPEAKER:** (OFF MIC) .

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GIVE US THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF  
14 HEALTHCARE. FEDERAL LAW. FEDERAL LAW.

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16 **SPEAKER:** (OFF MIC COMMENTS CONTINUE) .

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

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20 **SPEAKER:** (OFF MIC COMMENTS) .

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME'S UP, THANK YOU.

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24 **SPEAKER:** (OFF MIC COMMENTS) .

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IS SOMEBODY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OVER  
2    THERE OR SOMETHING? OKAY.

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4    **SPEAKER:** (OFF MIC COMMENTS).

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6    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I WANTED -- IS MARK AROUND? SOMEBODY  
7    WILL TALK TO YOU. COUNTY COUNSEL OR SOMEBODY. COUNTY COUNSEL,  
8    YOU GOT SOMEBODY TO TALK TO HER. MA'AM, MA'AM. ON ITEM NO. 10.  
9    ON YOUR ITEM NO. 10, I WANT TO ADD THE C.E.O. THE FINANCIAL  
10    PIECE NOT JUST D.H.S. I THOUGHT YOU HAD IT IN THERE BUT YOU  
11    DON'T. WE NEED TO ADD THE C.E.O. IN THERE FOR FINANCIAL PIECE.  
12    VOTE TO RECONSIDER ITEM NO. 10. AND THEN I JUST WANT TO ADD  
13    THE C.E.O. TO THE REPORT BACK.

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15    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL MOVE THE C.E.O. BE INSERTED INTO THE  
16    REPORT BACK.

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18    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
19    WELL MAYBE ONE OBJECTION. SO ORDERED. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.  
20    ALL RIGHT. WILL YOU READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION, PLEASE.

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22    **LORAYNE LINGAT:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
23    NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL  
24    CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. CS-2, PUBLIC  
25    EMPLOYMENT, CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF

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1 COUNTY COUNSEL, ITEM NO. CS-3, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE  
2 EVALUATIONS, ITEM NO. CS-4, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
3 WILLIAM T FUJIOKA AND DESIGNATED STAFF AND ITEM NO. CS-5,  
4 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, CONSIDERATION FOR THE POSITION OF CHIEF  
5 EXECUTIVE OFFICER AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AND SUPPLEMENTAL  
6 AGENDAS .

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1        **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION SEPTEMBER 16, 2014**

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5        In open session, item CS-1 was continued two weeks to  
6        September 30, 2014.

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8        No reportable action was taken on items CS-2, CS-3, CS-4 or  
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2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do  
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los  
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors September 16, 2014,  
6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my  
7 direction and supervision;

8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived  
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10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by  
11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor  
13 related to any party to the said action; nor  
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 22  
16 day of September 2014, for the County records to be used only  
17 for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts  
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